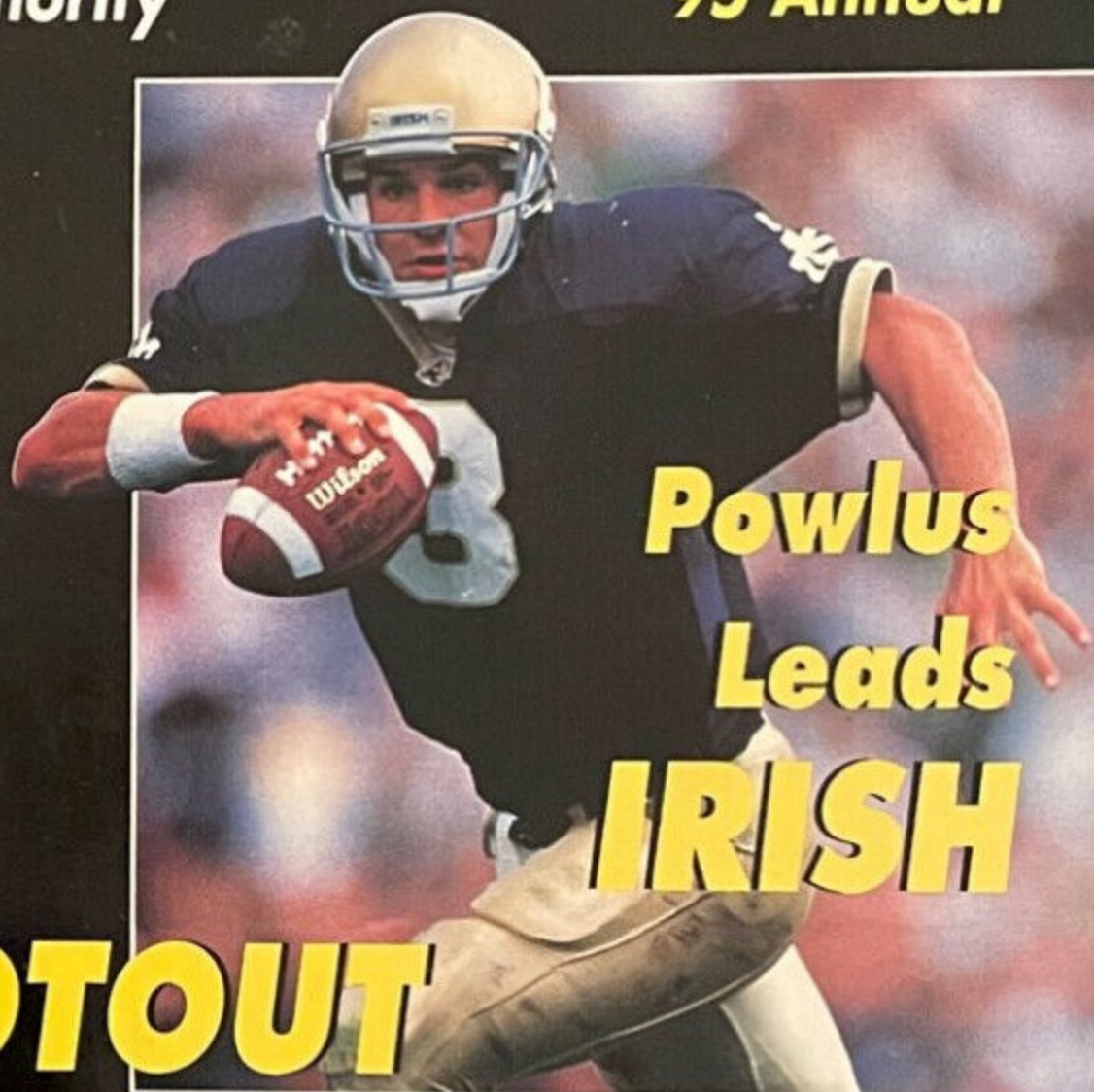
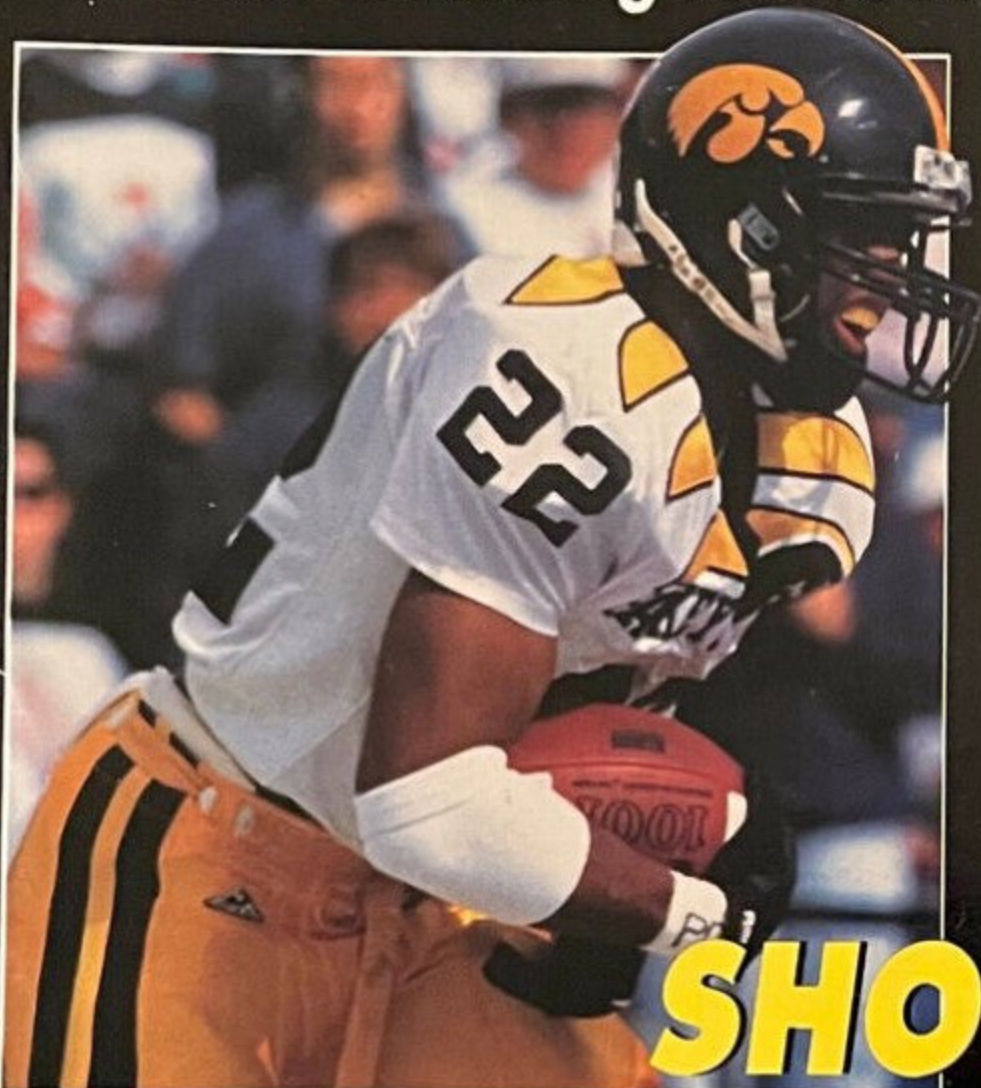


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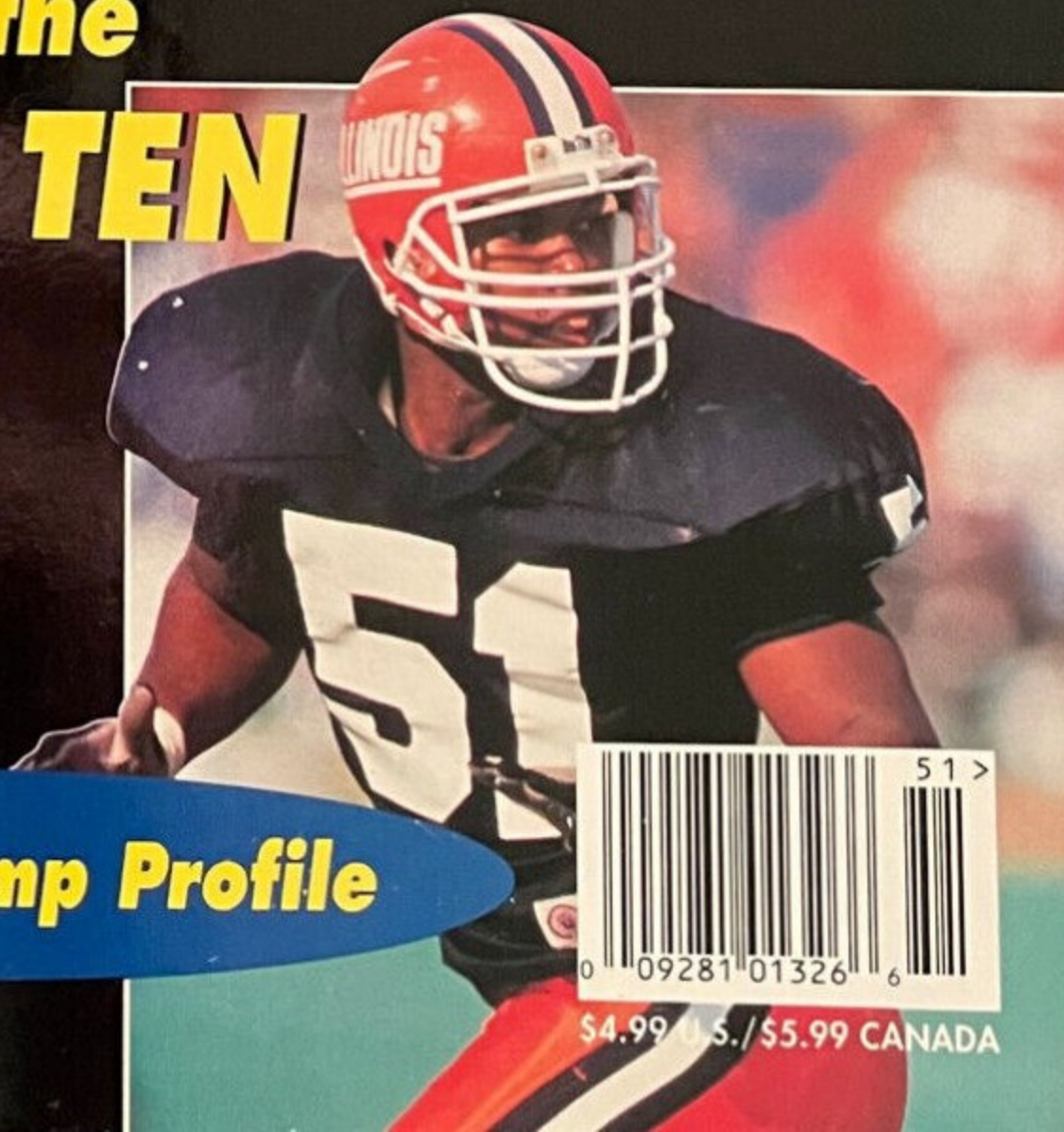
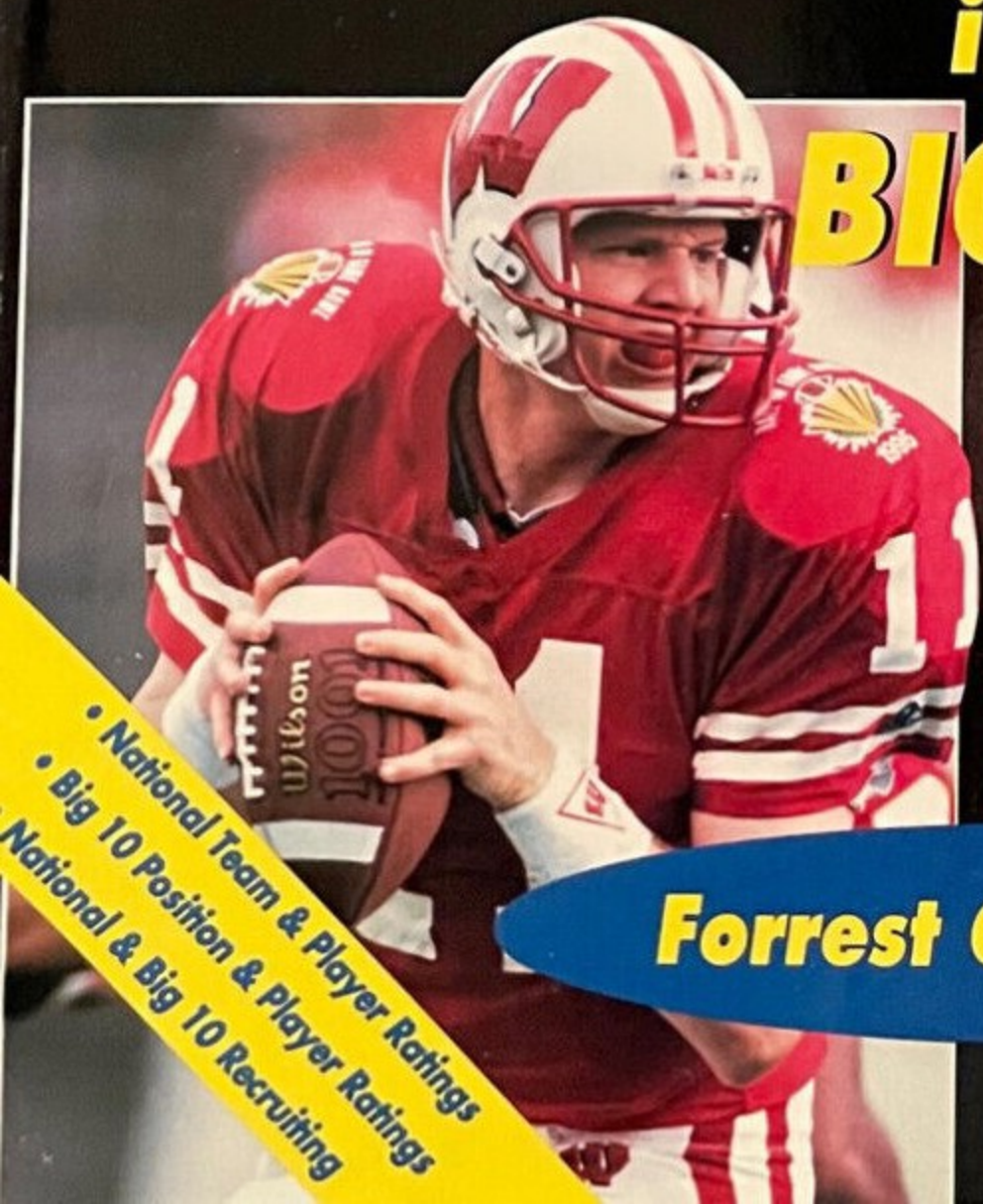


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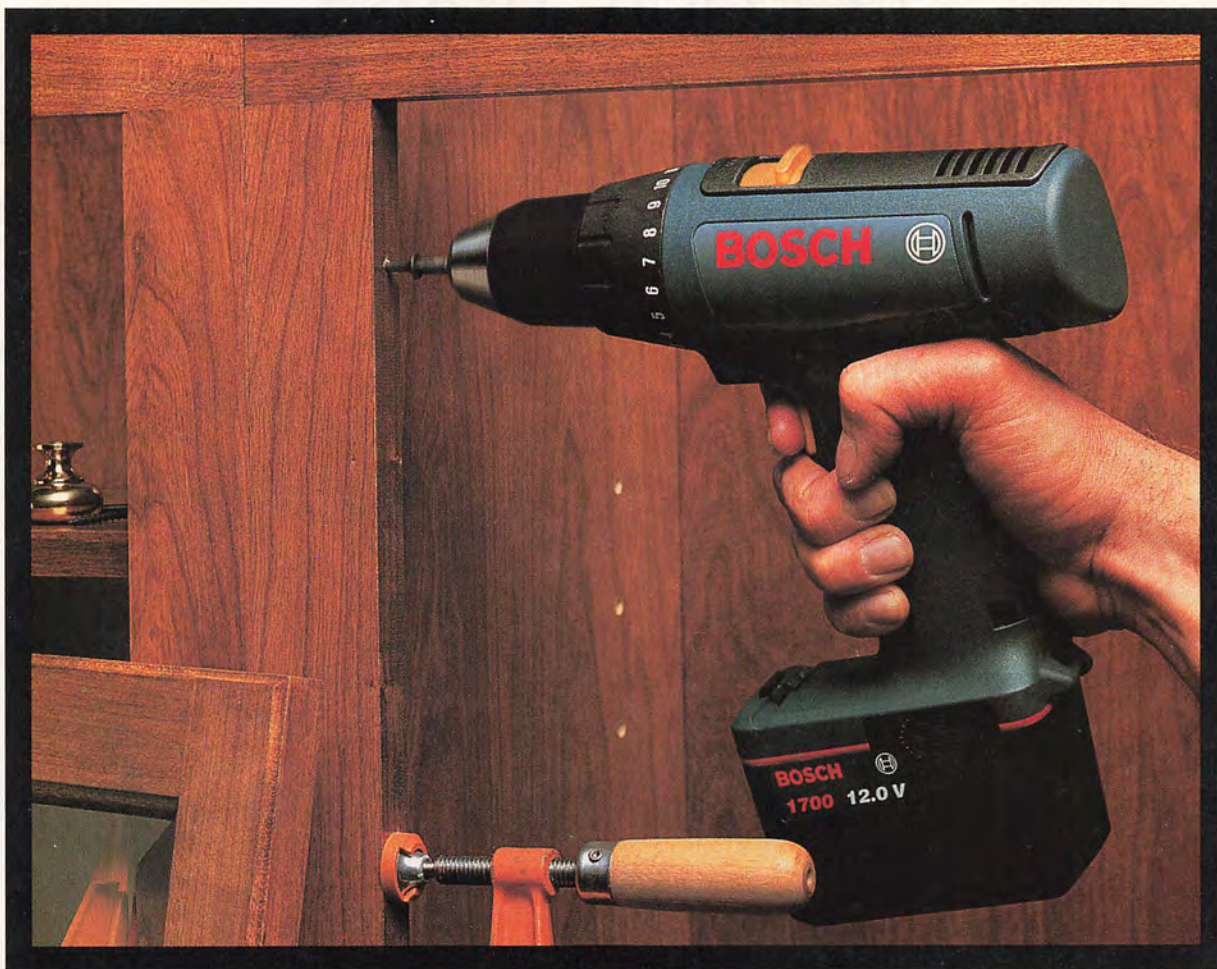
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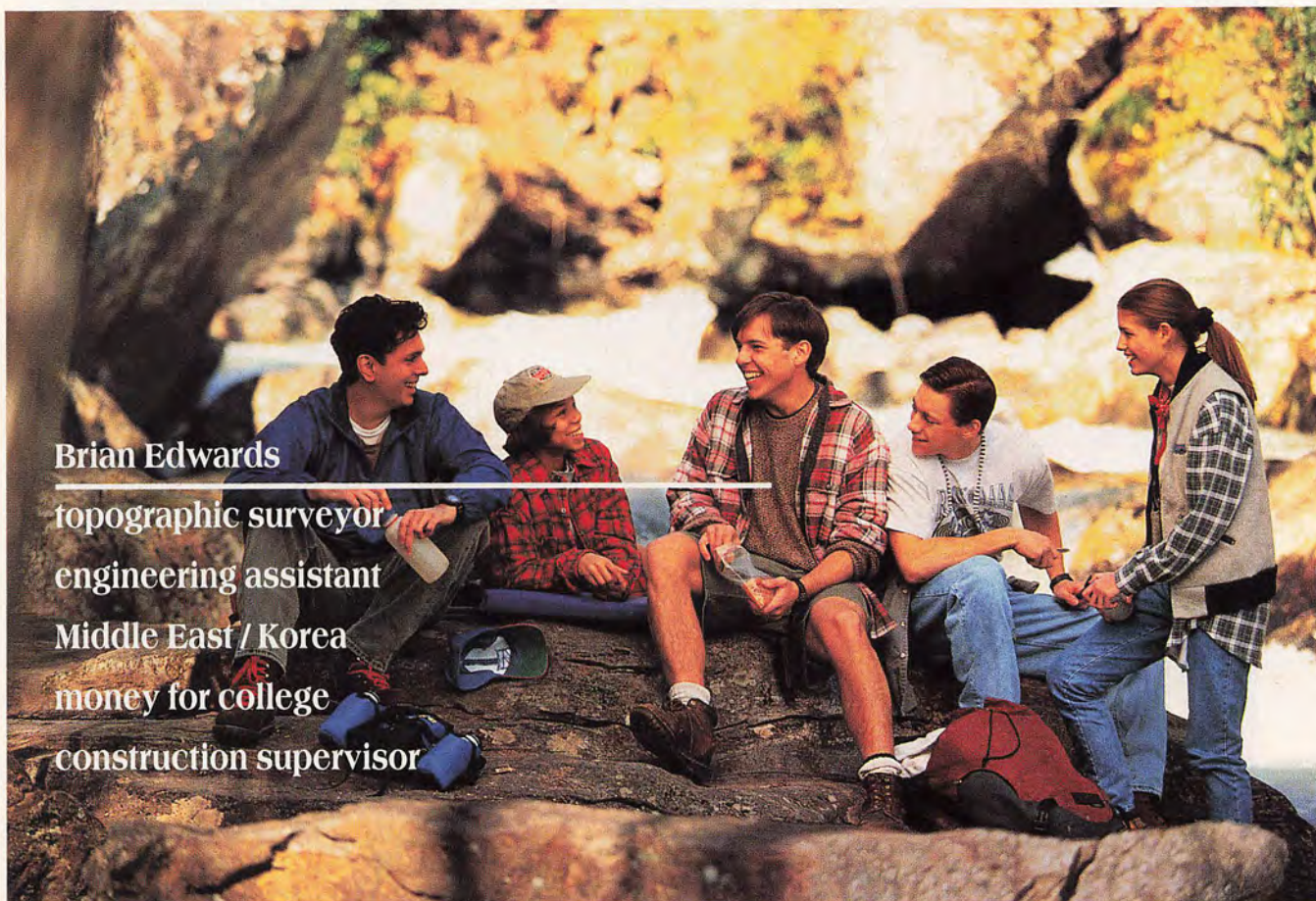


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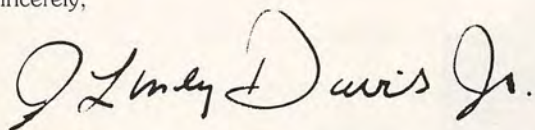
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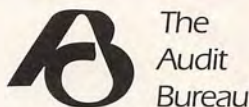
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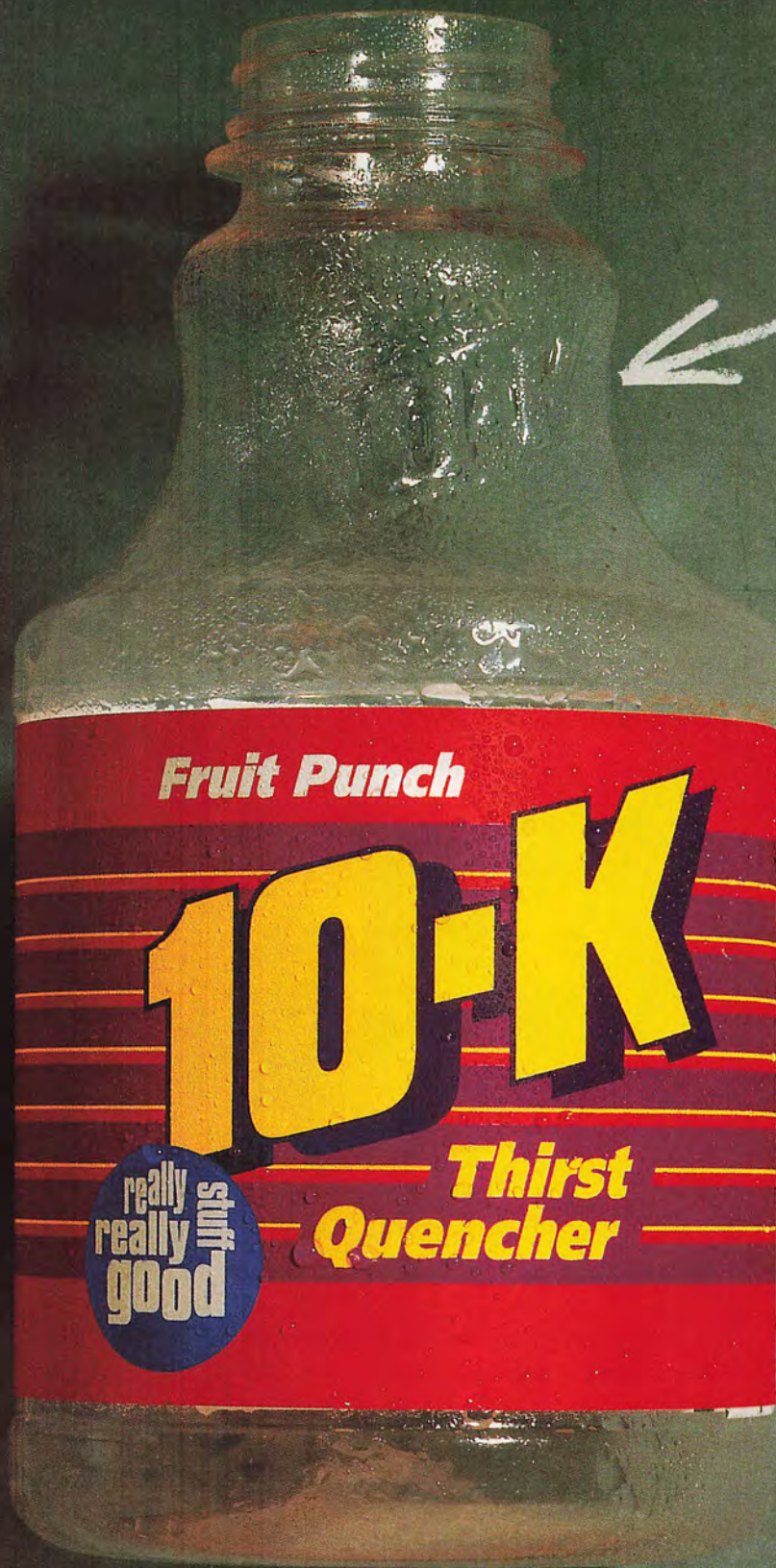
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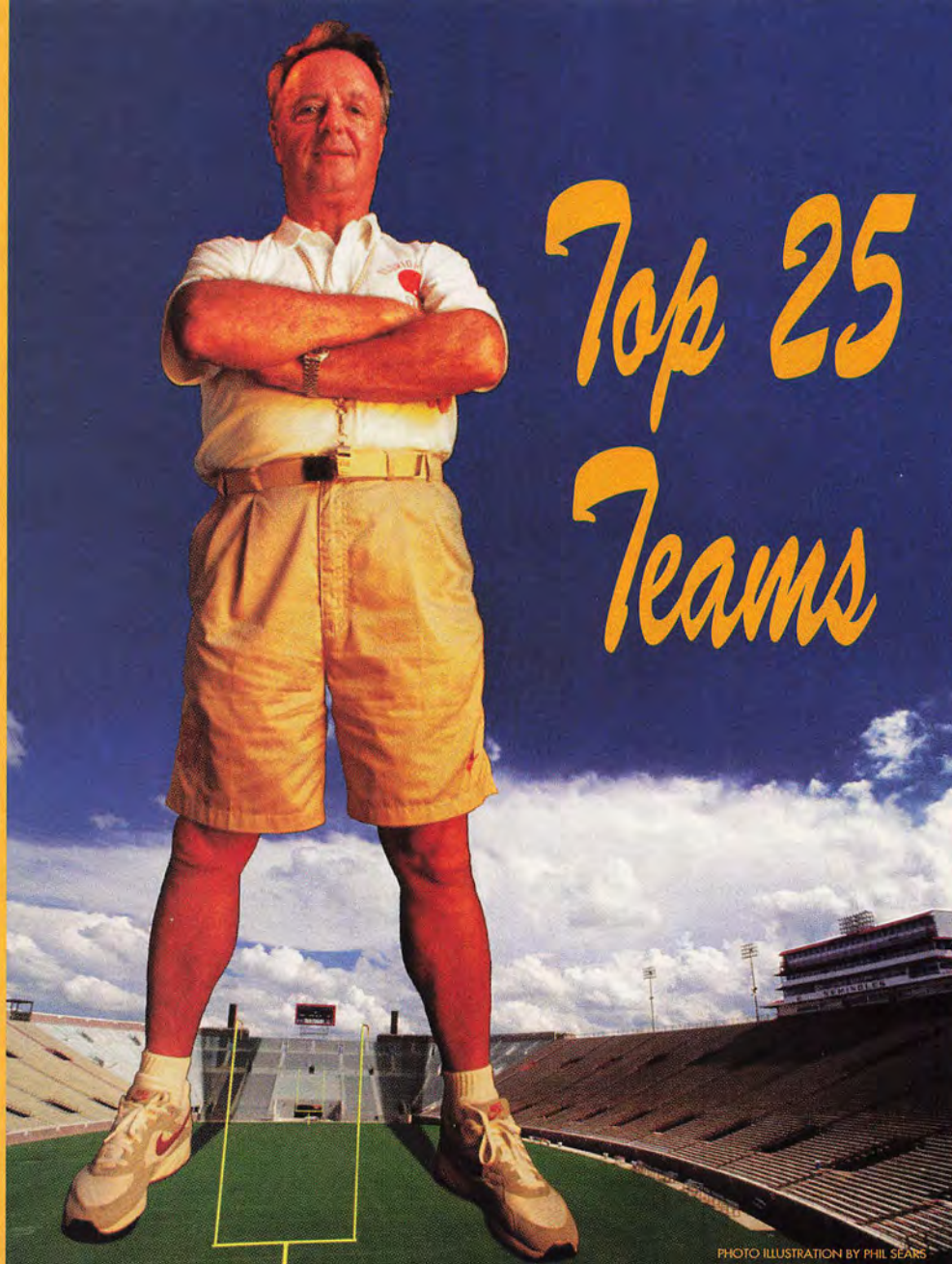


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1. FLORIDA STATE

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THE CAST: When Danny Kanell walked out of the Sugar Bowl after the Seminoles had disposed of Florida, it had become apparent that he was walking into the role of Heisman Trophy favorite and his team would be a top candidate for the 1995 national championship. And so they are.

The Seminoles seem to have people at every position group who rank with the best in the country. When Danny Kanell is your quarterback, and your running back is Warrick Dunn, and your line has four returning starters, including the likes of center Clay Shiver and guard Lewis Tyre, and your defense is going to

be loaded with talent, and your coaching staff is among the best in the country ... well, you win the national championship.

THE OBSTACLES: The Seminoles are 24-0 against the ACC. With the "road" game at Duke being played in Orlando, they must leave their state only once until November. Only three ACC road games crop up, although two of them are back to back (at Virginia, North Carolina Nov. 11-18). Realistically, there are three monumental tasks on this slate: Miami visits Oct. 7, and the 'Noles go to Florida's Swamp Nov. 25 ... and, of course, the Fiesta Bowl.

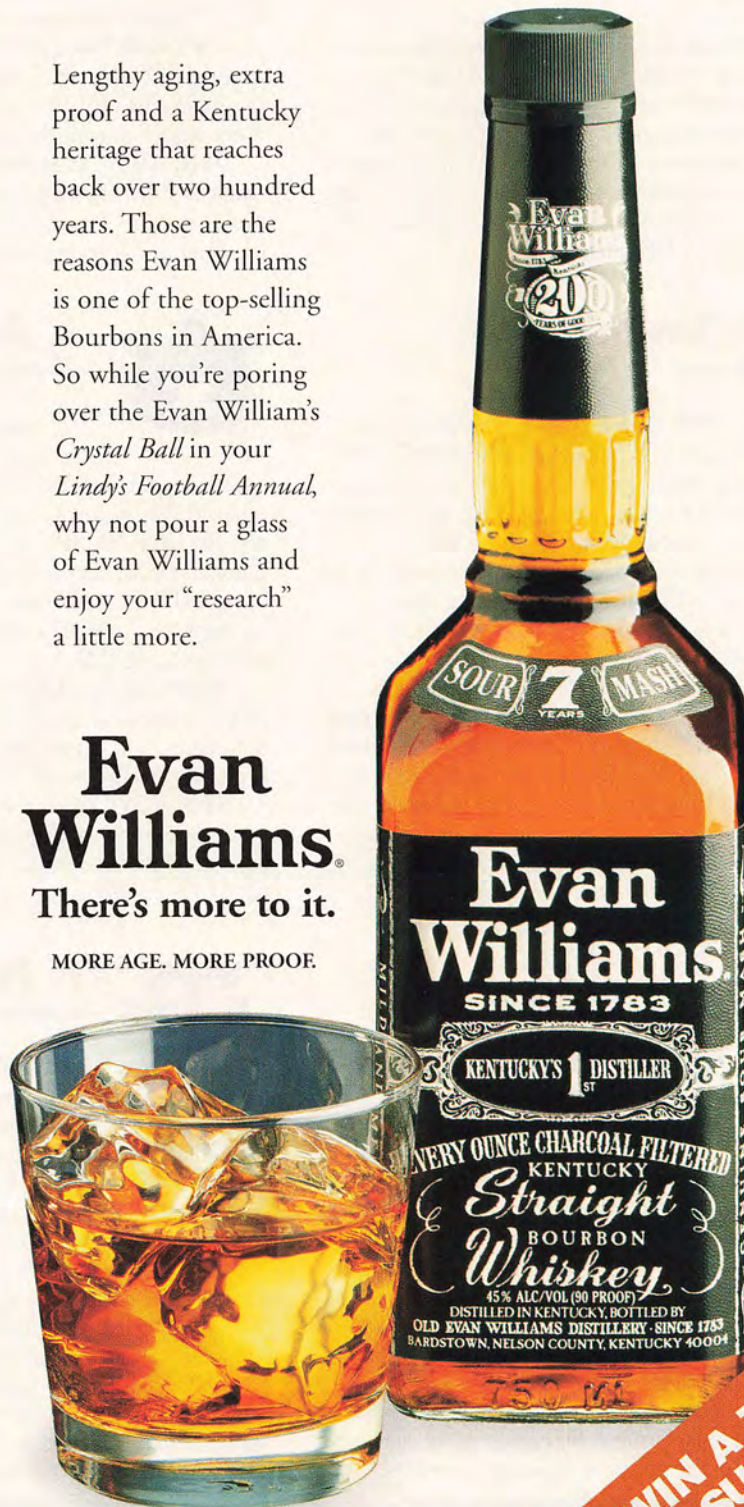
THE KEY: For nearly a decade, the difference between Miami and Florida State was at quarterback ... whoever was manning the position for the Hurricanes was a championship player. Now, the Seminoles have developed that kind of leadership in their quarterbacks. Charlie Ward set the standard, and now Kanell has earned that respect. Kanell and the 'Noles always have the Florida experience to fall back on, when they rallied from a 31-3 fourth quarter deficit to tie.

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2. NEBRASKA

Who will stop defending champs?

THE CAST: The tandem of Tommie Frazier and Brook Berringer is a perfect mix of quarterbacks, as long as they both stay happy. The group of running backs is ridiculously talented, and the way the coaches play them means opposing defenses have to deal with a fresh star-quality performer on every snap. A number of key players are missing from last year, but the offensive line and linebackers should replenish quickly.

THE OBSTACLES: The Huskers have another national championship schedule, but the season opener at Michigan State will be tougher than many expect. Indeed, the trip to Boulder is huge, and the showdown with Oklahoma looms, too.

THE KEY: Confidence. Finally unburdened of "big game" losses, Nebraska can no longer be relegated to its long-standing status as just a regular-season power. Still, Osborne must deal with his pleasant-but-sticky QB situation.



3. SOUTHERN CAL

Youngsters lead return to yore.

THE CAST: They have arrived. After four years of flopping around in the Pac-10 while Washington, UCLA and Oregon have beaten them to the Rose Bowl, the Trojans are on track to get back to Pasadena. They have bided their time in the first two years of the second John Robinson era, but with guys like receiver Keyshawn Johnson, a whole bunch of quality tailbacks and a maturing defense, they're ready to make a run at the national championship.

THE OBSTACLES: A couple of soft non-conference openers lead to a key Sept. 23 game at Arizona. If the Trojans get past that one, they stand a good chance to roll to 6-0 heading into Notre Dame, which they haven't beaten since 1982.

THE KEY: Junior Brad Otton and senior Kyle Wachholtz have NFL size and arm strength, but they must mix in some leadership and good decision-making. The line, backs, and Keyshawn Johnson will make things easier for them.



4. PENN STATE

Winning streak could reach 29.

THE CAST: With three players going in the first nine picks of the NFL draft and eight other starters finished with their careers, this team has more pure talent to replace than any other. But it is also better equipped to replace them than any other program. The best offensive line in the country, the best pair of wideouts and a solid group of backs will make life easy for new quarterback Wally Richardson. The defense lost seven starters, but no stars.

THE OBSTACLES: With Wisconsin, Ohio State and Michigan all visiting Beaver Stadium, any loss will be a significant upset. They carry a 17-game winning streak, the nation's longest, into a schedule that could lead to 12 more.

THE KEY: Six of the front seven will be new, but defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky has built his career on rebuilding formidable units without the luxury of superstar prospects.



5. FLORIDA

Track meets with yard lines?

THE CAST: The Gators' offensive unit might be the best in the country. The team is a solid two-deep at every skill position, bolstered by a hulking offensive line entrenched in The Swamp. Factor in coach Steve Spurrier and his staff's wherewithal and a new commitment to running the ball more effectively, and this offense will be just plain unstoppable. The defense is not as complete or seasoned, but end Mark Campbell continues the school's superb lineage.

THE OBSTACLES: Any of four games could wreck a national title run, and as a group they could wreck the Gators' season altogether. Trips to Auburn and Georgia are scary; home games against Tennessee and Florida State are ominous.

THE KEY: Defensive depth. Spurrier has suggested that as many as six to eight freshmen could find spots in the defensive two-deep. Yet, if the offense develops the ball-control he wants, the defense will always be well rested.



6. AUBURN

Off probation, back on track.

THE CAST: Now that their two years in NCAA purgatory have ended, the Tigers get to play for real under Terry Bowden. They boast a superb offensive line keyed by tackle Willie Anderson and center Shannon Roubique. Darting behind the massive front will be Stephen Davis, considered by many the nation's best running back. QB Patrick Nix doesn't do much wrong. The rear seven on defense is solid. The linebackers, in particular, have the potential to be elite.

THE OBSTACLES: A simple-yet-dangerous threat lies in wait ... complacency. The Tigers are superior to nine of 11 opponents, and Florida and Alabama come calling to Jordan-Hare; will Auburn avoid stumbling in the preliminaries?

THE KEY: Assistant coach Wayne Hall might be the best in the country at developing defensive linemen, which is crucial because of the losses from last year. Some of his raw youngsters need to come through ... and they will.



7. TEXAS A&M

Sweeping up SWC is not enough.

THE CAST: The Ags have the stuff and the staff to put the Southwest Conference to sleep ... for good. Quarterback Corey Pullig and running back Leeland McElroy are the featured components of a potentially explosive offense. And the defensive line, led by end Brandon Mitchell, will take apart its adversaries. R.C. Slocum has assembled the speed and depth that few teams around the country enjoy.

THE OBSTACLES: Colorado and perhaps Texas (but not really) stand between the Aggies and a perfect record. The real problem is their lack of respect borne from playing in the SWC and their inability to beat big-league foes in bowls.

THE KEY: This program needs a big win for the sake of its team psyche and sagging national respect. The Aggies have that opportunity this season at Colorado ... by the time they get to a bowl game, it will be too late.



8. OHIO STATE

Rough schedule keeps hopes in check.

THE CAST: Even after losing three of their best players to the NFL early, the Buckeyes have Top 10 talent returning. Now they have to play like it every week. The defensive line and offensive backfield are top drawer. Running back Eddie George is a man among men and looks like the Bucks' best since King Archie. A makeover of the offensive staff (including quarterbacks coach Walt Harris) will enhance the passing game and energize the Horseshoe.

THE OBSTACLES: Plenty of them. They open the season against a schedule tougher than any other Top 25 team: Boston College, Washington, Pittsburgh, Notre Dame, Penn State, Wisconsin. Most teams would take a split from that stretch.

THE KEY: The stability of a long-term coach is an intangible that can't be dismissed, and OSU now has it. A strong start against the slate of nails could lead to something big, but a poor start will start the poor-mouthing anew.



9. NOTRE DAME

Regaining the Golden (Dome) touch.

THE CAST: A simple rule to follow when analyzing the world of college football: Never count out the Fighting Irish. Even after a 6-5-1 season. The Domers boast a superb passing combo in quarterback Ron Powlus to receiver Derrick Mayes. The offensive supporting cast is impressive. Defensively, remember the names of rising-star LBs Bert Berry and Lyrion Cobbins. Let's put it this way: How many teams in the country would not trade players with ND?

THE OBSTACLES: A three-game parlay with Texas, Ohio State and Washington could send the Irish racing up the polls or settling to mediocrity. If they survive unscathed to the Oct. 28 showdown with USC, we'll be hearing title talk.

THE KEY: Since Lou Holtz's arrival in South Bend, the hallmark has been the offensive line. Last year's edition was less-than-standard ... but after a year of Holtz's harping, that now-experienced group appears ready to atone.



10. ALABAMA

As usual, defense must lead.

THE CAST: Say what you will about the boring football that Gene Stallings coaches, but his teams are always prepared to play and win and they never beat themselves. Ever. Dwayne Rudd and Ralph Staten lead a terrific group of linebackers in a butt-kicking style that simply does not allow opponents to ever get comfortable: Hence, they lose. The Tide is 52-10-1 in the 1990s, and it's no accident.

THE OBSTACLES: As has become its way, the Crimson Tide plays a two-game schedule (a home game with Tennessee on Oct. 14, and at Auburn on Nov. 18), with the other nine opponents offering marginal upset potential.

THE KEY: If offensive coordinator Homer Smith can get as much out of Brian Burgdorf as he has out of other comparably underwhelming QBs over the years (Gary Hollingsworth, Rick Neuheisel, etc.), the Tide might not lose.



11. MIAMI

Storm front or not, these guys can play.

THE CAST: The difference between this year's edition and most recent teams isn't individual talent, it's the breadth of talent. Defensively, the 'Canes field three of the game's very best defenders: defensive end Kenard Lang, linebacker Ray Lewis and cornerback Carlos Jones rank with the best. However, save Kenny Holmes, the rest of the defense is questionable. Offensively, outside of center K.C. Jones, the 'Canes have few honors candidates.

THE OBSTACLES: While eight wins are virtually FDIC insured, the early schedule doesn't offer much time to groom a quarterback and adjust to a new coach. They open at UCLA and visit Virginia Tech and Florida State by mid-October.

THE KEY: Quarterback and defensive tackle have been Miami staples for a decade. Those talent gravy trains apparently didn't arrive this year. If QB Ryan Collins doesn't get it done quickly, new coach Butch Davis cannot dawdle.



12. TENNESSEE

The year of the bodyguards.

THE CAST: While quarterback Peyton Manning is the fan favorite, the Volunteers' offensive front is really the team's catalyst. From tackle to tackle the Vols field five legitimate NFL prospects. Because of the ability and effort of guys like Jason Layman, Bubba Smith and Leslie Ratliffe, young Mr. Manning will turn into the superstar he is destined to be. The defense, meantime, is filled with experience (10 returning starters) and is deep with talent.

THE OBSTACLES: All Tennessee has to do is beat Florida and Alabama. That's all? Well, almost. But both games are on the road, and the Vols have not won in Gainesville since 1971, and haven't beaten Alabama at all since 1985.

THE KEY: Winning in October would catapult the Vols to the next level. They have won 16 straight November games, but they usually run into some big-time opponents before Halloween. In their last 14 October games, they are 7-6-1.



13. MICHIGAN

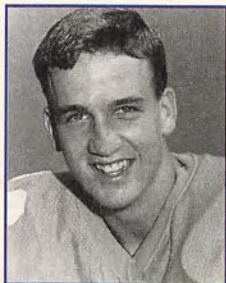
King of Big Ten hill wants throne back.

THE CAST: This team is laced with talent with three running backs boasting starting experience. The receiving tandem of Amani Toomer and Mercury Hayes might be the nation's best, and believe it or not, Seth Smith might become the best of all. The defensive front looks as good as the school has fielded in years with Trent Zenkewicz poised to be a difference-maker. But quarterback and secondary, ordinarily Michigan strengths, are big question marks.

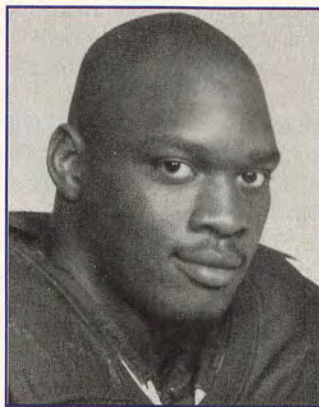
THE OBSTACLES: Virginia will be tougher than many expect in the Pigskin Classic, and Illinois makes for a hairy trip in Game 2. No matter how things go the first 10 games, Penn State and Ohio State are waiting at the end.

THE KEY: Finding a QB capable of taking advantage of the fabulous receivers could be the difference between this team being a pretender or contender. Scott Dreisbach is the likely guy, but Brian Griese (Bob's kid) will push him.

Lindy's 1995 All American Offense

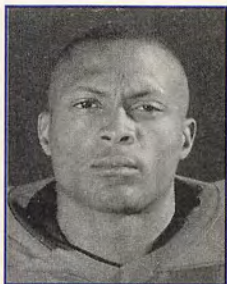
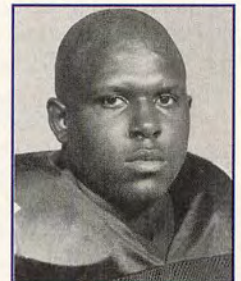


Peyton Manning
Quarterback
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Tennessee
Sophomore



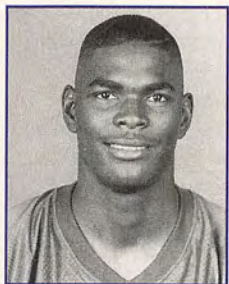
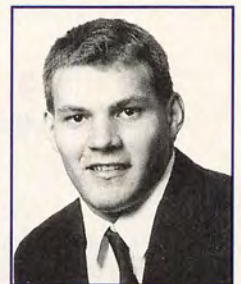
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Auburn
Junior

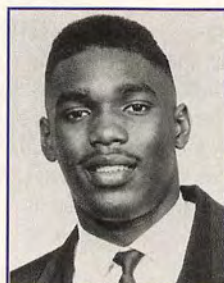


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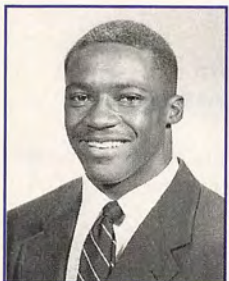


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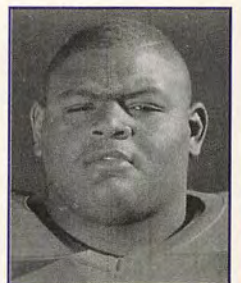
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Mississippi State, Senior

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Center
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Colorado
Senior



Derrick Mayes
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Notre Dame
Senior

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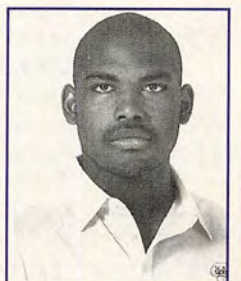


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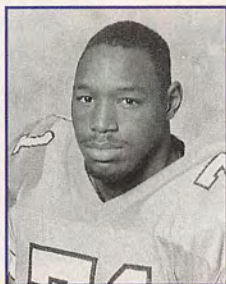


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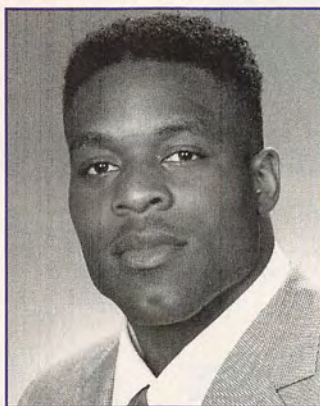
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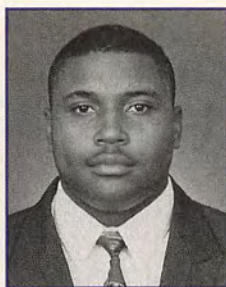


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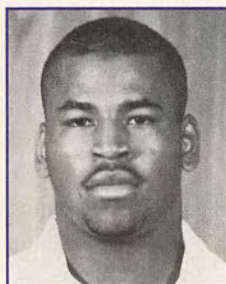
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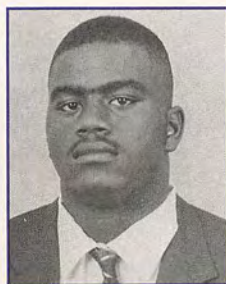
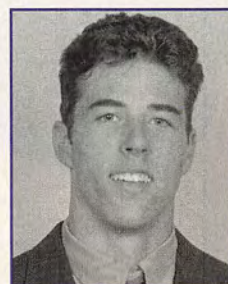
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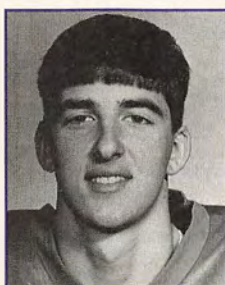


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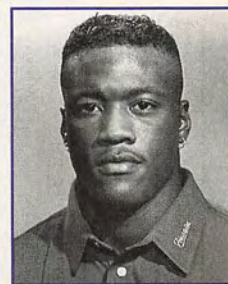


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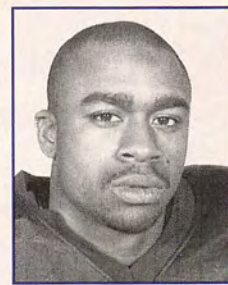
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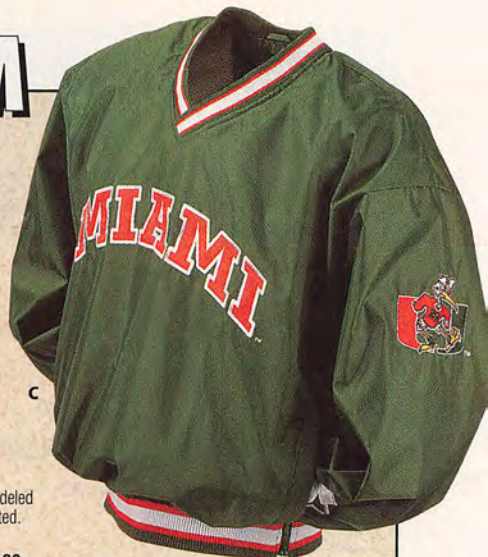
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UCLA BRUINS

14. UCLA

NFL can wait, so Bruins soar.

THE CAST: Last year's 5-6 record doesn't temper the number of quality players at UCLA (many of whom were injured at times in '94). Tackle Jonathan Ogden, linebacker Donnie Edwards and receiver Kevin Jordan — All-American candidates all — decided to spend 1995 back in Westwood, so the Bruins and their 18 returning starters will roll. The Pac-10's best offensive line and great backs let Terry Donahue return to his run-first roots.

THE OBSTACLES: It won't take long to find out if this team has major promise, since the Miami Hurricanes visit the Rose Bowl on Sept. 2. Moreover, the Bruins face four 1994 bowl teams in their next five games.

THE KEY: Is every team replacing its quarterback this year? The Bruins sure are, with Ryan Fein expected to take over. He was anything but impressive in previous opportunities, but now he's a junior and his time has come.



15. COLORADO

No time for easy transition.

THE CAST: Coach Rick Neuheisel inherits one of the nation's 10 best programs with enough talent aboard to make some noise. Koy Detmer will step in for Kordell Stewart at quarterback, little Herschel Troutman replaces Rashaan Salaam at feature back, and both will operate behind a massive and talented front. Defensive tackle Kerry Hicks and outside linebacker Greg Jones are huge talents, but some major questions will bring coaching savvy into play.

THE OBSTACLES: A non-conference run against Wisconsin, Colorado State and Texas A&M could make the Buffs plead for Big Eight foes, except that they open league games at Oklahoma's Owen Field. Nebraska and K-State come later.

THE KEY: The fusion between players and new coaches is always a complex equation. The previous staff consistently got the best from the Buffaloes. Is the new staff up to the task, especially for the early season challenges?



16. OREGON

Eager to show Roses weren't a fluke.

THE CAST: The Ducks were supposed to be building last season for a quality run in 1995. Well, after smelling Roses, they feel they have the knack for winning and can continue the momentum under offensive coordinator-turned-head coach Mike Bellotti. Jeremy Asher leads 16 returning starters, with a superb defense giving the Ducks a chance to be even better than last year's once-in-a-generation edition.

THE OBSTACLES: The Ducks are the Pac-10 team that doesn't face USC, but their games against all of the other upper-division teams in the league are on the road (UCLA, Cal, Washington, Arizona).

THE KEY: Good Karma. Last year, they had it big-time. When they needed a big play or break, they got it, all the way until the Rose Bowl, when a cluster of bad breaks ruined their chance to beat Penn State. How will it be in '95?



17. OKLAHOMA

Is Schnellenberger conduit to success?

THE CAST: Back when OU was a dominate force it featured fabulous running backs and a rock-solid defense. Coach Howard Schnellenberger's first edition in Norman has 50 percent of that equation: The trio of James Allen, Jeff Frazier and Jerald Moore is awesome. Defensively, the Sooners have some questions, but field two of the nation's very best in defensive end Cedric Jones and linebacker Broderick Simpson.

THE OBSTACLES: Obviously Nebraska and Colorado are major hurdles, and the Sooners haven't beaten K-State since 1992. The annual showdown with Texas could also prove frightful: the Longhorns have won 5 of the last 6 meetings.

THE KEY: The quarterback situation is in transition, with returning starter Garrick McGee an inconsistent thrower at best. Redshirt freshman Eric Moore is making a run at the job, since Schnellenberger's system demands a good passer.



18. VIRGINIA TECH

Rising power in Blacksburg.

THE CAST: The Hokies have never fielded a better collection of athletes, and 17 of them started on last year's eight-victory edition. Coach Frank Beamer has directed them to back-to-back bowl games for the first time in history, and they were ranked throughout 1994. Even tucked away in Blacksburg, it's hard to ignore elite talents like Antonio Banks and Torrian Gray in the secondary. The defensive line is excellent, and receiver Ken Still can go get it.

THE OBSTACLES: If the Hokies manage to stop Miami in a Sept. 23 home game, watch out — this could be the national darkhorse of 1995. A relatively weak league and a soft non-league schedule almost ensures a 7-9 win season.

THE KEY: Replacing QB Maurice DeShazo is a complex issue. A leader, a confident and talented player, he sparked the program's rise. His apparent Jim Druckenmiller has the skills, but the magical presence ... who knows?



19. TEXAS

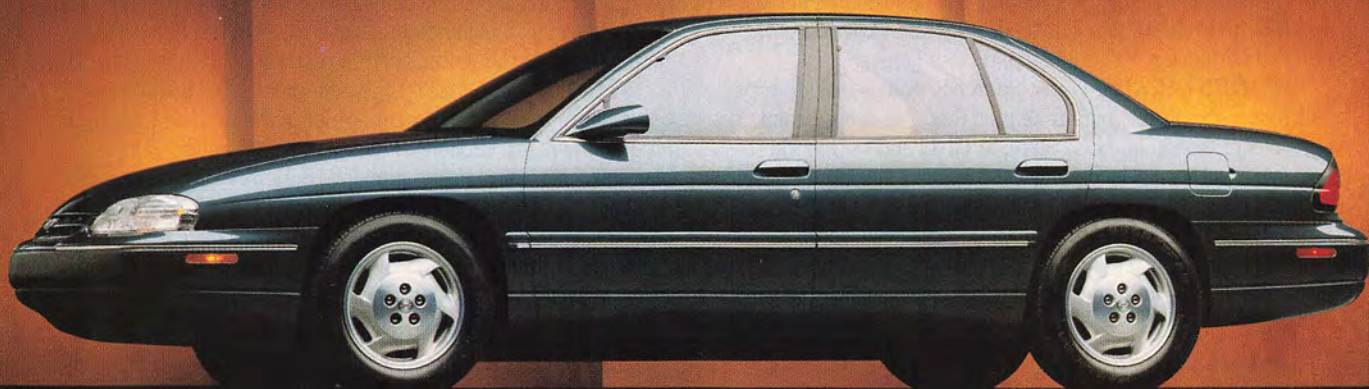
Time to show serious progress.

THE CAST: John Mackovic's team is well positioned to continue upward movement, assuming running back Priest Holmes returns from a severe knee injury suffered in spring drills. Quarterback James Brown and receiver Mike Adams key an offense supported by a potentially dominating defense. Defensively, Tony Brackens is an impact player, while defensive backs Cris Carter and Bryant Westbrook form a superb one-two punch.

THE OBSTACLES: The Longhorns have Oklahoma and Notre Dame on the non-conference schedule with albatross Texas A&M still on the slate. We still find it hard to believe they can't whip everyone else in the lame-duck SWC.

THE KEY: The defense might be the Longhorns' best in a decade. The problem is at running back. If Holmes fails to recover, the team will be left wanting. And what about Adams? They need his big-play ability back from suspension.

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20. VIRGINIA

Nothing cavalier about Welsh's approach.

THE CAST: With 16 returning starters from a team that won nine games (and very close to 11-1), coach George Welsh appears to have the Cavaliers poised for a big year. Outstanding speed on both sides of the ball puts this team in good stead, and if the Cavs can replenish their defensive line before too long, they could even find a Top 10 berth in the offing. The leadership and experience of quarterback Mike Groh should help in close games.

THE OBSTACLES: Non-conference games include trips to Michigan and Texas, but the team's three most important games of the season (at N.C. State, at UNC and vs. Florida State) have soft weeks leading in.

THE KEY: By opening at Michigan, the Cavs may not do a lot for their win-loss record, but they'll get a jump on their schedule. That Sept. 9 game at N.C. State means a lot, and Virginia will have a month of practice and two games to prime.



21. WISCONSIN

Unsung players spark the Badgers.

THE CAST: This team has some of the best players you've never heard of. Running back Carl McCullough has big-time ability and will extend the school's streak of standout runners. Linebacker Pete Monty has insiders suggesting he'll become the school's best in memory. Quarterback Darrell Bevell is a winner who should be ready to become as consistent as he is talented. These kinds of guys (and the nice, long-term package) keep Barry Alvarez in Madison.

THE OBSTACLES: The opener — Colorado comes to Mad City — will serve as an indicator for 1995. A handful of wannabes use them to gauge Big Ten success ("We can be as good as Wisconsin!"), so the league slate doesn't let up.

THE KEY: The Badgers leapt into the national picture two years ago behind its strength in the trenches. They are solid on offense, but the defense desperately needs a pass-rushing presence that it appears to lack.



22. NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Bowl regular reaches for next rung.

THE CAST: Tailback Tremayne Stephens forged onto the scene in a big way last season as a freshman. He's got it all, and the offensive line (led by Steve Keim and Jon Redmond) help to make the Wolfpack a team to reckon with again. It appears that Mike O'Cain has picked up where Dick Sheridan left off — the Pack is one of only nine teams that has been to seven bowls in a row, and there's no reason to suspect a drop-off now.

THE OBSTACLES: The Wolfpack faces a five-game span that includes road games at Florida State and Alabama in addition to hosting Virginia, Baylor and Clemson. A 3-2 result would be wildly successful ... then there's the rest of the ACC.

THE KEY: The guts of the N.C. State defense must be replaced, coinciding with a move to a 4-3 scheme. It needs to happen quickly, since five of the Wolfpack's first six opponents field solid running attacks.



23. WEST VIRGINIA

Grown-up defense a key.

THE CAST: Safety Aaron Beasley led the nation in interceptions last season and leads a secondary that has lots of experience. He's joined by defensive tackle John Browning and linebacker J.T. Thomas as key cogs in a big-play defense. Quarterback Chad Johnston to Rashaan Vanterpool is a woefully underrated passing connection in an offense with eight starters back. Don Nehlen has built a career on getting the most out of a program with mid-level talent.

THE OBSTACLES: They play four of five on the road in one stretch, but with the exception of at Miami in Game 10, the Mountaineers are capable of winning every contest (Purdue, Maryland, Kent and East Carolina are the non-league games).

THE KEY: The continued maturation of Johnston will have a lot to do with how far this team can go, but even more important is the maturation of a defense that made some big plays, but gave up too many big plays last year.



24. KANSAS STATE

Looking for third straight 9-win season.

THE CAST: Many Big Eight pundits actually forecast the Wildcats as the league's best defensive team. That might be a bit of a stretch, but the Wildcats are primed and ready. The defensive front, featuring Tim Colston, is superb. And the experienced secondary plays at a high level, too. Keep an eye on big-time receiver Kevin Lockett. As with many contending teams, the Wildcats have a void at quarterback, since trusty Chad May is long gone.

THE OBSTACLES: The non-league schedule is embarrassingly weak, so the four large conference games will determine their level of success. Kansas and Oklahoma are beatable, but Nebraska and Colorado remain a notch above.

THE KEY: The debilitating stomach problems of Cody Lee Smith continued into the summer, leaving the QB situation in a lurch. It's a snag that must be solved (Texas A&M transfer Matt Miller?) to make K-State the team it can be.



25. CALIFORNIA

Superb defensive line creates havoc.

THE CAST: There might not be a better defensive line in college football (yes, that means you, too, Ohio State) than the Bears, with Regan Upshaw, Brandon Whiting, Andy Jacobs, Duane Clemons, and on and on. Coach Keith Gilbertson is in his fourth season, which means it's time to establish some forward momentum ... and he appears to have refooted the program after some early struggles.

THE OBSTACLES: The Bears leave the state only twice (Arizona, Oregon State). They won't get many frequent-flyer miles, but their season-opening schedule against the States (San Diego, Fresno, San Jose) will make them frequent winners.

THE KEY: Quarterback Pat Barnes is only 20, but he's already a junior. If he acts his age, the Bears might never gain the consistency required of a Top 25 team. But if he plays like a junior, they'll be fine and bite some big boys along the way.



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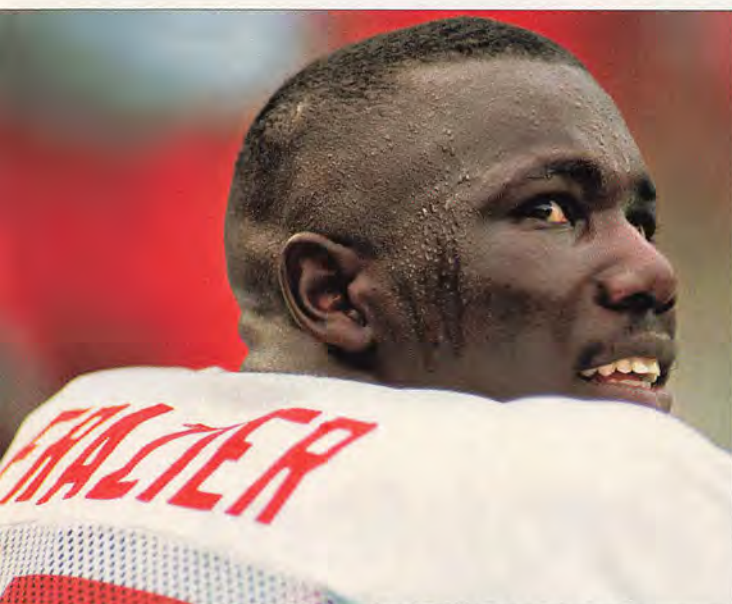
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QUARTERBACKS

Plenty of experienced and talented players call the signals, but that's not to say it's a big year for quarterbacks. The problem this year is that few, if any, can be called great ones.

That's why a true sophomore can be selected All-American. First-team All-America status for Peyton Manning is based on the fact that there is nothing he can't do well, even though he hasn't done it a lot yet. He's the closest thing college football has in 1995 to Drew Bledsoe or Troy Aikman — the model quarterbacks of this decade — and we can't find another do-it-all Charlie Ward out there, either.

Florida State has become sort of the BYU of the 1990s. That is, the offense will succeed with almost any quarterback, and it can become almost unstoppable with an outstanding one. Danny Kanell is an outstanding one.



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RANK	QUARTERBACK, Yr.	COLLEGE	Ht.	Wt.
1.	Peyton Manning, So.	Tennessee	6-5	202
2.	Danny Kanell, Sr.	Florida State	6-4	215
3.	Ron Powllus, Jr.	Notre Dame	6-2	225
4.	Tommie Frazier, Sr.	Nebraska	6-2	205
5.	Darrell Bevell, Sr.	Wisconsin	6-2	197
6.	Scott Milanovich, Sr.	Maryland	6-3	227
7.	Danny Wuerffel, Jr.	Florida	6-2	208
8.	Jake Plummer, Jr.	Arizona State	6-2	183
9.	Koy Detmer, Jr.	Colorado	6-1	175
10.	Brook Berringer, Sr.	Nebraska	6-4	210
11.	Pat Barnes, Jr.	California	6-4	210
12.	Bobby Hoying, Sr.	Ohio State	6-4	222
13.	Steve Taneyhill, Sr.	South Carolina	6-3	205
14.	Tony Banks, Sr.	Michigan State	6-6	225
15.	Marcus Crandell, Jr.	East Carolina	6-0	198
16.	Josh Nelson, Sr.	Mississippi	6-3	200
17.	Spence Fischer, Sr.	Duke	6-3	220
18.	Max Knake, Sr.	TCU	6-1	205
19.	Mike Maxwell, Sr.	Nevada	6-4	200
20.	Dan White, Sr.	Arizona	6-5	213
21.	Brad Otton, Jr.	Southern Cal	6-6	215
22.	James Brown, So.	Texas	6-0	190
23.	Pat Nix, Sr.	Auburn	6-2	198
24.	Damon Huard, Sr.	Washington	6-4	215
25.	Corey Pullig, Jr.	Texas A&M	6-3	198

Ranking By Team: Quarterbacks

1. Nebraska	Combo of Frazier and Berringer offers complete flexibility.
2. Florida	As good as Wuerffel is, backup (Kresser) might be better.
3. Florida State	Kanell keeps getting better, and his backups look great.
4. Virginia	Groh and Willis will stage high-level competition all year.
5. Texas	Morenz is the pro prospect, while Brown wins games.
6. Oregon State	Shanklin gets it done; Alexander is phenomenally quick.
7. Auburn	Nix is solid; backup Craig has an upside the coaches love.
8. Southern Cal	Otton and Wachholtz both look like future pros.
9. Notre Dame	Powlus has Heisman stuff, and backup talent is rich.
10. West Virginia	Chad Johnston showed flashes late in '94; good depth.

RUNNING BACKS

While some runners possess speed, others have moves, and others present power. Auburn's Stephen Davis and Ohio State's Eddie George have all three. That's what makes them All-American running backs.

Florida State's Warrick Dunn is a terrific receiver, and Texas A&M's Leeland McElroy might be the pre-eminent breakout back in the country. Nebraska's Lawrence Phillips may lose carries because the Cornhuskers are so deep at I-back.

Eventually, though, North Carolina State's Tremayne Stephens may outrun, outlast and outearn all of them.

RANK	RUNNING BACK, Yr.	COLLEGE	Ht.	Wt.
1.	Stephen Davis, Sr.	Auburn	6-2	233
2.	Eddie George, Sr.	Ohio State	6-3	230
3.	Tremayne Stephens, So.	N.C. State	5-11	194
4.	Warrick Dunn, Jr.	Florida State	5-9	175
5.	Leeland McElroy, Jr.	Texas A&M	5-11	196
6.	Lawrence Phillips, Jr.	Nebraska	6-0	200
7.	Terrell Willis, Jr.	Rutgers	6-0	200
8.	Chris Darkins, Sr.	Minnesota	6-1	215
9.	Billy West, Jr.	Pittsburgh	5-10	205
10.	Sharman Shah, Jr.	UCLA	5-11	189
11.	Leon Johnson, Jr.	North Carolina	6-1	210
12.	Alex Smith, So.	Indiana	6-0	202
13.	Shawn Walters, Jr.	Southern Cal	6-0	225
14.	Tim Biakabutuka, Jr.	Michigan	6-1	205
15.	Fred Taylor, So.	Florida	6-1	219
16.	Andre Davis, Sr.	TCU	5-10	184
17.	James Allen, Jr.	Oklahoma	6-1	207
18.	Mike Archie, Sr.	Penn State	5-8	202
19.	Jerald Moore, Jr.	Oklahoma	5-10	230
20.	Skip Hicks, Jr.	UCLA	6-1	210
21.	Mike Mitchell, Jr.	Stanford	6-0	210
22.	L.T. Levine, Sr.	Kansas	5-10	210
23.	Randy Kinder, Jr.	Notre Dame	6-1	210
24.	Jerod Douglas, So.	Baylor	5-9	167
25.	Delon Washington, So.	Southern Cal	5-11	190

RANK	FULLBACK, Yr.	COLLEGE	Ht.	Wt.
1.	Mike Alstott, Sr.	Purdue	6-1	240
2.	Stanley Pritchett, Sr.	South Carolina	6-1	230
3.	Toraino Singleton, Sr.	Texas-El Paso	6-3	230
4.	James Milliner, Sr.	UCLA	6-0	216
5.	Scott Greene, Sr.	Michigan State	5-11	227
6.	J.D. Stewart, Sr.	Oregon State	6-1	219
7.	Richard Thomas, Sr.	Washington	5-9	220
8.	Ty Douthard, Jr.	Illinois	6-1	206
9.	Jon Witman, Sr.	Penn State	6-3	233
10.	Hema Heimuli, Sr.	Brigham Young	6-2	210
11.	Brian Milne, Sr.	Penn State	6-3	253
12.	Derrick Harris, Sr.	Miami	5-11	250
13.	Pooh Bear Williams, So.	Florida State	6-1	266
14.	Clifton Rubin, So.	Baylor	6-1	218
15.	Dwayne Chandler, Sr.	Oklahoma	6-0	226

College Football's Finest

Ranking By Team: Running Backs

1. Nebraska	Cornhuskers are 4-5 quality players deep.
2. Florida State	Dunn and Rock Preston are a dynamite duo.
3. Oklahoma	Sooners' biggest problem: there's only one ball.
4. UCLA	Healthy Hicks is the key, with Shah, Milliner solid.
5. Southern Cal	Tailback U. lives up to its name for first time in years.
6. Rutgers	Willis ready for big junior year, with Presley too.
7. Ohio State	Buckeyes' top five rushers return, led by George.
8. Michigan	Even without Wheatley, Wolverines are as deep as ever.
9. Penn State	Archie gets his chance, while stud fullbacks clear way.
10. Kansas	Four returning TBs combined for 247-yard average in '94.

RECEIVERS

Wide receiver is college football's top position of 1995. It seems as though everybody has an All-America candidate. A dozen of these guys are great college players, and several could wind up as first-round NFL draft picks.

Southern Cal's cocky Keyshawn Johnson backs up his big talk. Derrick Mayes is the guy who might be most responsible for Notre Dame's return to dominance in 1995.

RANK	WIDE RECEIVER, Yr.	COLLEGE	Ht.	Wt.
1.	Keyshawn Johnson, Sr.	Southern Cal	6-4	205
2.	Derrick Mayes, Sr.	Notre Dame	6-1	221
3.	Bobby Engram, Sr.	Penn State	5-10	185
4.	Kevin Jordan, Sr.	UCLA	6-2	188
5.	Amani Toomer, Sr.	Michigan	6-4	194
6.	Freddie Scott, Jr.	Penn State	6-0	186
7.	Kevin Lockett, Jr.	Kansas State	6-0	175
8.	Richard Dice, Jr.	Arizona	6-3	215
9.	Reidel Anthony, So.	Florida	6-1	176
10.	Marvin Harrison, Sr.	Syracuse	6-1	173
11.	Brice Hunter, Sr.	Georgia	6-0	210
12.	Cristen McLemore, Sr.	Oregon	5-11	181
13.	Brian Manning, Jr.	Stanford	5-11	177
14.	Jermaine Lewis, Sr.	Maryland	5-8	172
15.	Rahsaan Vanterpool, Sr.	West Virginia	5-11	185
16.	Dietrich Jells, Sr.	Pittsburgh	6-1	190
17.	Octavus Barnes, So.	North Carolina	6-1	189
18.	Marcus Harris, Sr.	Wyoming	6-2	207
19.	Charlie Jones, Sr.	Fresno State	5-10	170
20.	Tony Simmons, So.	Wisconsin	6-2	194
21.	Geroy Simon, Jr.	Maryland	6-0	177
22.	Patrick Jeffers, Sr.	Virginia	6-4	214
23.	Yatil Green, So.	Miami	6-3	193
24.	Alex Van Dyke, Sr.	Nevada	6-1	195
25.	Mercury Hayes, Sr.	Michigan	5-11	195

RANK	TIGHT END, Yr.	COLLEGE	Ht.	Wt.
1.	Marco Battaglia, Sr.	Rutgers	6-3	240
2.	Josh Wilcox, Jr.	Oregon	6-2	238
3.	David LaFleur, Jr.	LSU	6-7	275
4.	Chad Lewis, Jr.	BYU	6-6	235
5.	Jay Riemersma, Sr.	Michigan	6-6	252
6.	Brian Collins, Sr.	TCU	6-5	226
7.	Bill Khayat, Sr.	Duke	6-4	225
8.	Ernie Conwell, Sr.	Washington	6-3	240
9.	Lovett Purnell, Sr.	West Virginia	6-3	230
10.	Stephen Alexander, So.	Oklahoma	6-5	230

Ranking By Team: Receivers

1. Michigan	Toomer, Hayes sparkle; TE Jay Riemersma a bonus.
2. Penn State	Engram one of nation's best, Scott not far behind.
3. Kansas State	All revved up ... now all they need is a quarterback.
4. Maryland	Simon and Lewis make run-and-shoot worthwhile.
5. North Carolina	Marcus Wall and Octavus Barnes are acrobatic wonders.

6. LSU	Tigers can stretch the field with several guys.
7. California	Na'il Benjamin and Iheanyi Uwaezuoke will aid young QB.
8. Fresno State	Jones and Brian Roberson extend lineage of great duos.
9. Oregon	McLemore and Wilcox are fine; Pat Johnson can fly.
10. Oklahoma	New reliance on pass will find ample targets.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

We don't need to remind you about the importance of dominance "in the trenches."

But when traditional powers like Penn State, Florida State, Auburn, Ohio State, Florida, Tennessee and Michigan are loaded on the offensive line, as they are this season, it almost doesn't seem fair to opponents.

For whatever reason, this year's group of centers looks like one for the ages. Everybody has a quality center. The 1994 all-league center is back in the ACC, Pac-10, SEC, Big East, and two from the Big Eight.

RANK	TACKLE, Yr.	COLLEGE	Ht.	Wt.
1.	Jonathan Ogden, Sr.	UCLA	6-8	315
2.	Willie Anderson, Jr.	Auburn	6-6	306
3.	Orlando Pace, So.	Ohio State	6-5	320
4.	Pete Kendall, Sr.	Boston College	6-5	287
5.	Jason Layman, Sr.	Tennessee	6-6	287
6.	Fred Miller, Sr.	Baylor	6-7	294
7.	Jason Odom, Sr.	Florida	6-5	291
8.	Roman Oben, Jr.	Louisville	6-5	290
9.	Jerry Wunsch, Jr.	Wisconsin	6-6	315
10.	Jon Merrill, Sr.	Duke	6-4	295
11.	Steve Scifres, Jr.	Wyoming	6-3	273
12.	Norberto Garrido, Sr.	Southern Cal	6-7	305
13.	J.R. Conrad, Sr.	Oklahoma	6-5	311
14.	Elton Endoma-Ogar, Sr.	Wake Forest	6-3	284
15.	Jeff Buckey, Sr.	Stanford	6-5	285

RANK	GUARD, Yr.	COLLEGE	Ht.	Wt.
1.	Jeff Hartings, Sr.	Penn State	6-3	278
2.	Chris Cooley, Sr.	Rice	6-5	290
3.	Joe Marinaro, Sr.	Michigan	6-4	290
4.	Lewis Tyre, Sr.	Florida State	6-5	272
5.	Ryan Leahy, Sr.	Notre Dame	6-4	299
6.	Calvin Collins, Jr.	Texas A&M	6-3	299
7.	Brad Badger, Jr.	Stanford	6-4	270
8.	John Summerday, Sr.	Temple	6-2	288
9.	Jeff Smith, Sr.	Tennessee	6-3	304
10.	Marco Rivera, Sr.	Penn State	6-5	280
11.	Heath Irwin, Sr.	Colorado	6-5	280
12.	Steve Keim, Sr.	N.C. State	6-3	282
13.	Matt Purdy, Sr.	Iowa	6-3	285
14.	Donnie Young, Jr.	Florida	6-4	297
15.	Dan Neil, Jr.	Texas	6-2	282

RANK	CENTER, Yr.	COLLEGE	Ht.	Wt.
1.	Bryan Stoltzenberg, Sr.	Colorado	6-2	280
2.	Aaron Graham, Sr.	Nebraska	6-4	280
3.	K.C. Jones, Jr.	Miami	6-2	257
4.	Clay Shiver, Sr.	Florida State	6-2	275
5.	Bubba Miller, Sr.	Tennessee	6-1	285
6.	Shannon Roubique, Sr.	Auburn	6-1	275
7.	Mike Flanagan, Sr.	UCLA	6-5	281
8.	Michael Cheever, Sr.	Georgia Tech	6-4	281
9.	Dusty Zeigler, Sr.	Notre Dame	6-6	288
10.	David Millwee, Sr.	Tulsa	6-3	275
11.	Casey Wiegmann, Sr.	Iowa	6-2	285
12.	Brian Anderson, Sr.	Mississippi State	6-5	278
13.	Juan Porter, Jr.	Ohio State	6-4	285
14.	Jeff Mitchell, Jr.	Florida	6-5	287
15.	Brannon Kidd, Jr.	SMU	6-4	295

College Football's Finest

Ranking By Team: Offensive Line

1. Penn State All-American Hartings, sturdy Rivera lead four starters.
2. Tennessee Layman, Miller lead bullish front; Smith's a major talent.
3. Auburn They're all back on the Plains, with Anderson the studhoss.
4. Florida State Four starters return, led by All-ACC center Clay Shiver.
5. UCLA Ogden's decision that NFL can wait has Bruins bubbling.
6. Ohio State Top OT Orlando Pace and veteran pals can dominate.
7. Florida If Reggie Green shapes up, this group will shine.
8. Michigan Wolves must replace just one starter from power attack.
9. Baylor Tackle Fred Miller offers a sure thing on third-and-short.
10. N.C. State Brothers Redmon (Ken and Jon) team up with Steve Keim.



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'BAMA'S RALPH STATEN CRUSHES FLORIDA'S FRED TAYLOR.

Ranking By Team: Defensive Line

1. Ohio State Big, tough and experienced all the way across.
2. California Very deep, very fast, very good; Upshaw and Whiting star.
3. Michigan Zenkewicz and Horn offer plenty of beef.
4. Alabama Brown, Matt Parker, Kendrick Burton make Tide ferocious.
5. Kansas State Colston leads angry, hungry, mobile, hostile group.
6. Southern Cal Spendid mix of experience and talented youth.
7. Texas Brackens, Stoney Clark and Chris Akins are a tough trio.
8. Miami Great ends in Lang and Kenny Holmes; not so at tackle.
9. Arizona Bruschi still causing trouble, but no longer Desert Swarm.
10. Colorado Hicks gives Buffs strong middle; G. Jones bolsters flank.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

The three best defensive linemen in college football this season were scheduled to be tackles: Miami's Warren Sapp, Boston College's Mike Mamula ... and Ohio State's Dan Wilkinson. Of course, they're all in the NFL (Wilkinson bailed out two years early to become the No. 1 pick of 1994, the other two left with just their senior years remaining).

So instead, a great group of young defensive ends take center stage.

Miami's Kenard Lang happens to be the youngest and the best. He stepped into the lineup as a freshman, and only got better as the season wore on. He finished with eight sacks, and may double that in 1995.

RANK	DEFENSIVE TACKLE, Yr.	COLLEGE	Ht.	Wt.
1.	Marcus Jones, Sr.	North Carolina	6-6	278
2.	Tim Colston, Sr.	Kansas State	6-1	275
3.	Kerry Hicks, Sr.	Colorado	6-6	260
4.	Trent Zenkewicz, Sr.	Michigan	6-6	270
5.	Shannon Brown, Sr.	Alabama	6-5	266
6.	Christian Peter, Sr.	Nebraska	6-2	285
7.	Brandon Whiting, So.	California	6-3	275
8.	Tim Morabito, Sr.	Boston College	6-3	263
9.	Jason Horn, Sr.	Michigan	6-5	277
10.	Chuck Osborne, Sr.	Arizona	6-2	280
11.	John Browning, Sr.	West Virginia	6-5	260
12.	Junior Soli, Sr.	Arkansas	6-1	289
13.	Steve Martin, Sr.	Missouri	6-5	284
14.	Mike Halapin, Sr.	Pittsburgh	6-5	270
15.	Tom Holmes, Sr.	Oregon State	6-1	271
16.	Orpheus Royce, Sr.	Florida State	6-4	275
17.	Darrell Russell, So.	Southern Cal	6-4	290
18.	Larry Williams, Sr.	Mississippi State	6-4	275
19.	Mike Harrison, Sr.	N.C. State	6-5	290
20.	Travis Stroud, So.	Georgia	6-3	270

RANK	DEFENSIVE END, Yr.	COLLEGE	Ht.	Wt.
1.	Kenard Lang, So.	Miami	6-4	251
2.	Regan Upshaw, Jr.	California	6-4	245
3.	Brandon Mitchell, Jr.	Texas A&M	6-4	270
4.	Cedric Jones, Sr.	Oklahoma	6-4	267
5.	Tony Brackens, Sr.	Texas	6-4	240
6.	Gabe Northern, Sr.	Louisiana State	6-3	233
7.	Dwayne Sanders, Sr.	Washington State	6-7	255
8.	Jevon Langford, Jr.	Oklahoma State	6-5	260
9.	Matt Finkes, Jr.	Ohio State	6-2	258
10.	Greg Jones, Jr.	Colorado	6-4	235
11.	Tedy Bruschi, Sr.	Arizona	6-1	253
12.	Mike Vrabel, Jr.	Ohio State	6-4	260
13.	Mark Campbell, Sr.	Florida	6-3	289
14.	Israel Ifeanyi, Sr.	Southern Cal	6-5	250
15.	Kenny Holmes, Jr.	Miami	6-4	240
16.	Sean Moran, Sr.	Colorado State	6-3	254
17.	Reinard Wilson, Jr.	Florida State	6-2	245
18.	Troy Bailey, Sr.	Oregon	6-3	270
19.	Nyle Wiren, Jr.	Kansas State	6-1	245
20.	Steve White, Sr.	Tennessee	6-2	246

LINEBACKERS

Illinois coaches watched two Illini linebackers get drafted into the NFL in the spring and breathed a sigh of relief ... it could have been three ... or even four.

Simeon Rice thought long and hard before deciding to stay for his senior season, and Kevin Hardy, the "other" outside 'backer, also will probably wind up in the NFL in 1996.

Auburn's top nine linebackers return from last season.



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College Football's Finest

Ranking By Team: Linebackers

1. Auburn	Mostella and Harris lead; speed, experience, depth.
2. Illinois	The presence of Rice and Hardy give Illini big edge.
3. Oregon	Veterans everywhere have Ducks quackin'.
4. Florida State	Seminoles reload with fast, hard-hitting group.
5. Oklahoma	Cagey, rangy and mangy, Sooners can cause mayhem.
6. Notre Dame	Bert Berry is main man, Lyrion Cobbins is a budding star.
7. Alabama	Tide has seldom had more talent and depth in this area.
8. Miami	D-line sets 'em up, and these guys take 'em down.
9. Nebraska	Lost lots of experience, but still too fast and talented.
10. Wisconsin	Eric Unverzagt, Pete Monty are a fine inside twosome.



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TACKLE JASON HORN ADDS BEEF TO THE MICHIGAN DEFENSE.

RANK	INSIDE LINEBACKER, Yr.	COLLEGE	Ht.	Wt.
1.	Ray Lewis, Jr.	Miami	6-1	221
2.	Jeremy Asher, Sr.	Oregon	6-2	224
3.	Dwayne Curry, Jr.	Mississippi State	6-3	248
4.	Zach Thomas, Sr.	Texas Tech	6-0	232
5.	Ink Aleaga, Jr.	Washington	6-2	225
6.	Daryl Bush, So.	Florida State	6-2	230
7.	Dwayne Rudd, So.	Alabama	6-2	232
8.	Greg Bellisari, Jr.	Ohio State	6-1	230
9.	Jarrett Irons, Jr.	Michigan	6-1	231
10.	Tyrone Hines, Jr.	Tennessee	6-2	226
11.	Matt Russell, Jr.	Colorado	6-2	240
12.	Dexter Daniels, Sr.	Florida	6-2	240
13.	Mark Libiano, Sr.	East Carolina	6-3	235
14.	Eric Unverzagt, Sr.	Wisconsin	6-2	235
15.	Pete Monty, Jr.	Wisconsin	6-2	231
16.	George DelRicco, Sr.	Virginia Tech	6-1	230
17.	J.T. Thomas, Sr.	West Virginia	6-2	235
18.	Rich Ruhl, Sr.	Oregon	6-2	230
19.	Reggie Garnett, Jr.	Michigan State	6-2	225
20.	Ratcliff Thomas, Jr.	Maryland	6-0	231

RANK	OUTSIDE LINEBACKER, Yr.	COLLEGE	Ht.	Wt.
1.	Simeon Rice, Sr.	Illinois	6-5	245
2.	Donnie Edwards, Sr.	UCLA	6-3	216
3.	Kevin Hardy, Sr.	Illinois	6-4	240
4.	Anthony Harris, Sr.	Auburn	6-2	233
5.	Randall Godfrey, Sr.	Georgia	6-3	250

6.	Lance Johnstone, Sr.	Temple	6-4	242
7.	Ralph Staten, Jr.	Alabama	6-3	200
8.	Tom Tumulty, Sr.	Pittsburgh	6-4	240
9.	Broderick Simpson, Jr.	Oklahoma	6-0	221
10.	Jamie Sharper, Jr.	Virginia	6-3	229
11.	Ben Hanks, Sr.	Florida	6-2	221
12.	Grant Wistrom, So.	Nebraska	6-5	230
13.	Marcellus Mostella, Jr.	Auburn	6-3	228
14.	Bert Berry, Jr.	Notre Dame	6-3	228
15.	Ike Reese, So.	Michigan State	6-4	218
16.	Reggie Brown, Sr.	Texas A&M	6-2	227
17.	John Zuanich, Sr.	Duke	6-3	205
18.	Todd Rebol, Sr.	Florida State	6-0	215
19.	LaCurtis Jones, Jr.	Baylor	6-0	200
20.	Chris Hayes, Sr.	Washington State	6-0	202

SECONDARY

There is more to playing defensive back than making interceptions. But that's not a bad place to start.

West Virginia's Aaron Beasley led college football last season with 10 interceptions, two of which he ran back for touchdowns. Not bad, although Oregon State safety Reggie Tongue did him one better, taking three picks in for scores.

RANK	CORNERBACK, Yr.	COLLEGE	Ht.	Wt.
1.	Aaron Beasley, Sr.	West Virginia	6-0	190
2.	Carlos Jones, Jr.	Miami	5-11	173
3.	Alex Molden, Sr.	Oregon	5-10	185
4.	Deshea Townsend, So.	Alabama	5-10	170
5.	Shawn Springs, So.	Ohio State	5-11	181
6.	Ronde Barber, So.	Virginia	5-10	169
7.	Ray Mickens, Sr.	Texas A&M	5-8	172
8.	Bryant Westbrook, Jr.	Texas	6-0	192
9.	Ricky Bell, Jr.	N.C. State	5-10	193
10.	Joe Gordon, Jr.	Kansas State	5-9	175
11.	Antonio Banks, Jr.	Virginia Tech	5-10	190
12.	Kenny Wheaton, So.	Oregon	5-9	181
13.	Darius Johnson, Sr.	Oklahoma	5-9	170
14.	Greg Burns, Sr.	Washington State	5-10	175
15.	Shawn Wooden, Sr.	Notre Dame	5-11	185
16.	Brian Miller, Sr.	Penn State	5-9	178
17.	Willie Smith, Jr.	Louisiana Tech	5-10	175
18.	Reggie Reser, Sr.	Washington	5-10	180
19.	Tyrone Williams, Jr.	Nebraska	6-0	185
20.	Demetrice Martin, Sr.	Michigan State	5-9	180

RANK	SAFETY, Yr.	COLLEGE	Ht.	Wt.
1.	Lawyer Milloy, Jr.	Washington	6-2	200
2.	Greg Myers, Sr.	Colorado State	6-2	193
3.	Ray Farmer, Sr.	Duke	6-4	220
4.	Reggie Tongue, Sr.	Oregon State	6-0	194
5.	Adrian Robinson, Sr.	Baylor	6-2	210
6.	Brandon Sanders, Sr.	Arizona	5-10	177
7.	Walt Harris, Sr.	Mississippi State	6-1	187
8.	Brian Dawkins, Sr.	Clemson	6-0	190
9.	James Walker, Sr.	N.C. State	6-3	203
10.	Jason Parker, Sr.	Tennessee	6-0	188
11.	Torrian Gray, Jr.	Virginia Tech	6-0	192
12.	Ken Alvis, So.	Auburn	6-2	200
13.	Chuck Marlowe, Sr.	Kansas State	6-1	185
14.	Steve Rosga, Jr.	Colorado	6-1	205
15.	Sammy Knight, Jr.	Southern Cal	6-1	195
16.	Tony Veland, Sr.	Nebraska	6-2	205
17.	Antwoine Patton, Sr.	Illinois	5-11	197
18.	Donnell Leomiti, Sr.	Colorado	6-0	205
19.	Sean Hamlet, Jr.	Florida State	6-0	216
20.	DeMontie Cross, Jr.	Missouri	6-4	202

Ranking: Secondary

1. Kansas State: One of the best last year, too.
2. Virginia: Cavs are loaded with experience.
3. Texas: Westbrook and Cris Carter can hook 'em.
4. West Virginia: Beasley led big-play secondary.
5. Virginia Tech: Big hitting Hokies.
6. N.C. State: Runs like a Pack of wolves.
7. Penn State: Brian Miller leads veteran group.
8. Oregon: Corners extraordinaire.
9. Nebraska: Tyrone Williams sets tone.
10. So. Mississippi: Best secondary you'll never see.

MULTI-PURPOSE

Because of the reduced scholarships, teams are increasingly going back to using starting players to return punts and kickoffs.

And when guys like Eric Moulds, Marcus Wall and Ricky Whittle are catching kicks as well as passes or pitchouts, it's just one more Play of the Day opportunity.

MULTI-PURPOSE

1. Eric Moulds, Sr., Mississippi State, 6-3, 205
2. Marcus Wall, Sr., North Carolina, 5-10, 165
3. Ricky Whittle, Sr., Oregon, 5-9, 193
4. Kalief Muhammad, Jr., Baylor, 5-6, 173
5. Kenyatta Watson, Jr., Boston College, 5-10, 176
6. Na'il Benjamin, Jr., California, 5-11, 185
7. Eddie Kennison, Jr., LSU, 6-0, 187
8. Jermaine Johnson, Jr., Vanderbilt, 5-7, 178
9. Henry Lusk, Sr., Utah, 6-1, 232
10. Jammi German, Jr., Miami, 6-0, 180

KICKERS, PUNTERS

Michigan's Remy Hamilton made a name for himself when he drilled a dramatic 42-yard field goal to beat Notre Dame (26-24) early last season, and he never let up. Hamilton eventually broke the school record with 25 field goals (missing just five). Three times he kicked four field goals in a game.

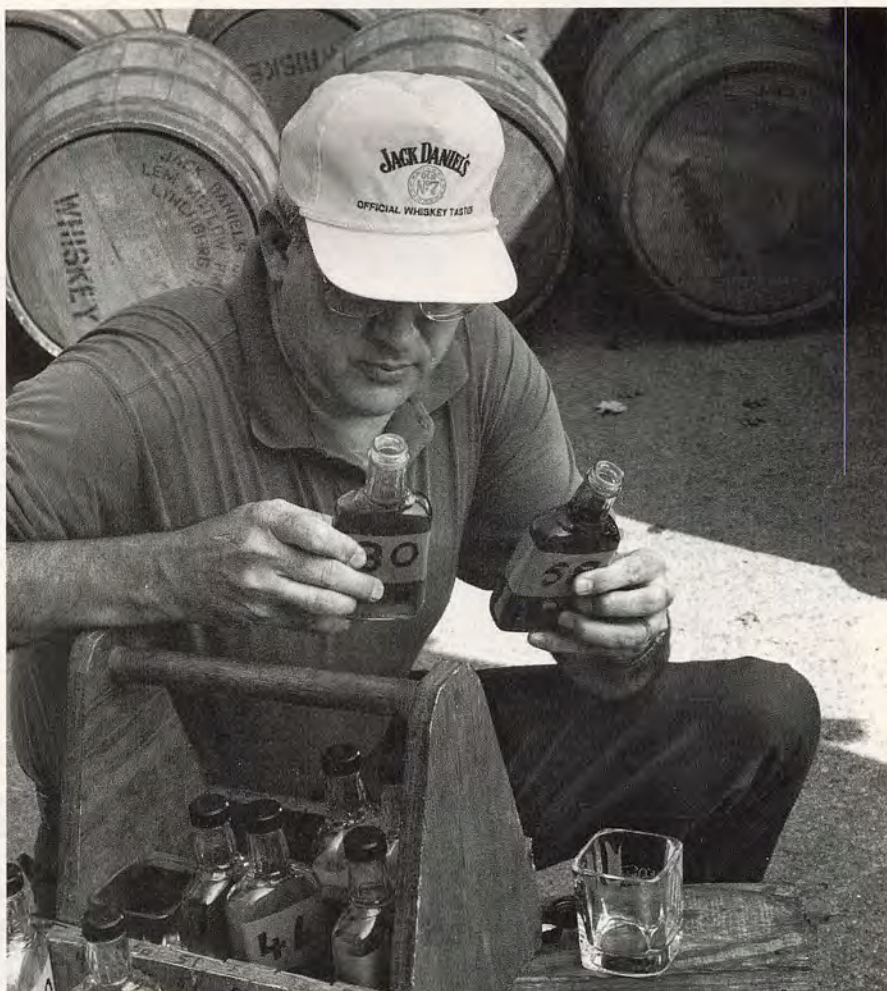
Virginia's Will Brice is not the longest punter in the country, but he is more valuable than his 40.5-yard average would indicate. Opponents almost never return his punts (only 11 of his 55 were returned, and those for an average of 1.6 yards).

KICKERS

1. Remy Hamilton, Jr., Michigan, 6-0, 196
2. Michael Proctor, Sr., Alabama, 5-11, 183
3. Kanon Parkman, Sr., Georgia, 5-11, 183
4. Mike Shafer, Sr., SW Louisiana, 5-10, 170
5. Rafael Garcia, Jr., Virginia, 5-10, 194

PUNTERS

1. Will Brice, Jr., Virginia, 6-5, 202
2. John Stonehouse, Sr., So. Cal., 5-11, 210
3. Greg Ivy, Sr., Oklahoma St., 6-0, 190
4. Brad Maynard, Jr., Ball State, 6-1, 175
5. Ty Atteberry, Jr., Baylor, 6-0, 196



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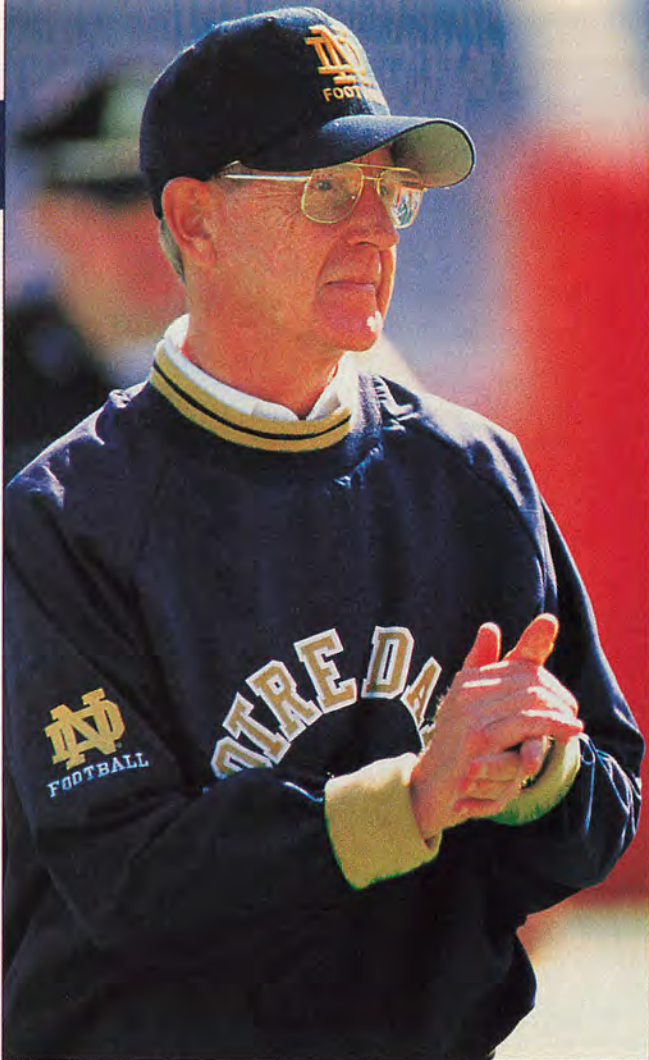
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National Recruiting

When this journey began last summer, Notre Dame appeared to be positioned for an outstanding recruiting season. And appearances were not deceiving.

On signing day, the Notre Dame recruiting class of '95 looked sweeter than all others, as Lou Holtz and his staff assembled a list that could prove to be every bit as good as the 1993 Florida State class.

That top-ranked Seminole class has proven so far to be the best group of the 1990s, with 15 true freshmen who contributed on a national championship team.

Of course, one recruiting class will never be the sole reason for a run at the national championship. Not in football, anyway.

However, two or three knockout classes in a row could give you a legitimate shot at going all the way. Transfers, injuries, grade problems and filling crucial needs all come into play when evaluating how well a class pans out.

With this in mind, let's take a look at the top 20 classes for the 1994-95 recruiting season:



Notre Dame

The Irish did one of the all-time great jobs recruiting in '94-95.

Of the 25 players they signed, 11 had been listed on the 95-player BCI Dream Team! Corey Minor, a 6-2,

240-pound linebacker with 4.65 speed from Bishop Amat High in La Puente, Calif., leads the way. He was National Co-Defensive Player of the Year and would have led any list.

Other key players to keep your eye on are: linebacker Jimmy Friday (Sugarland, Texas), and offensive linemen Tim Ridder (6-8, 284, Omaha, Neb.), Mike Rosenthal (6-8, 295, Mishawaka, Ind.), and tight end John Cerasani (Schaumburg, Ill.).

The Irish backfield of the future could well be three prime ballhandlers: quarterback Jarious Jackson (Tupelo, Miss.), running back Autry Denson (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) and fullback Jamie Spencer (Monroe, La.). Kevin Kopka (Hollywood Hills, Fla.), could be counted on immediately as a placekicker, an Irish weakness in '94.



Florida

Steve Spurrier and his staff closed fast, enjoying a remarkable last week of the recruiting season.

They nabbed two of the top three defensive linemen in the country away from Alabama and Florida State, respectively, when Ernie Badeux (River Ridge, La.), and Reggie McGrew (Mayo, Fla.) decided to become Gators. Not surprisingly, Spurrier also signed one of the top five-rated quarterbacks in the country in 6-5 Bobby Sabelhaus (Owings Mill, Md.). Sabelhaus passed for a state record 5,826 yards and 49 TDs. Look for DB Damian Hill (Dallas) and linebacker Tim Beauchamp (New Smyrna Beach, Fla.), to make an early impact.

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Texas A&M

This is the Aggies' best recruiting class since 1990, which is saying something. They did well in-state and plucked a big plum out of California: Sirr Parker (Los Angeles) was rated as one of the top running backs on the West Coast. D'Andre Hardeman (Houston) rated even higher nationally, so A&M should be able to continue its outstanding running back tradition. Quarterback, too, was a strong point for the Aggies, with Kevin Colon (Deer Park, Texas) and Randy McCown (Jacksonville, Texas) joining 1994 super-recruit Brannon Stewart, who transferred to College Station in the spring after playing at Tennessee last year. Brandon Houston (Katy, Texas) rated as one of the top offensive linemen in the country.



Auburn

Terry Bowden has brought back excitement and winning to the Auburn program.

That goes for on the field and in recruiting.

Bowden and his staff blanketed the South in search of quality linebackers and came home with a stacked deck: Barrett Askew (Lanett, Ala.), Rick Sealey (Miami, Fla.), and Takeo Spikes (Sandersville, Ga.). The threesome in the secondary is at least as impressive, with Martavious Houston (Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.), Ryan Taylor (Dublin, Ga.), and Marlin Taylor (Smiths Station, Ala.) each ranking among the top 12 nationally. The only drawback is the Tigers didn't sign a quarterback, a position at which they lack depth. Fortunately for Auburn, the 1996 recruiting class is loaded at that position.



Florida State

No surprise here. FSU was in the hunt for our No. 1 spot right up to the final day.

If the 'Noles didn't suffer some late defections, they would have been right with Notre Dame fighting it out for No. 1. On a positive note they signed the No. 1 quarterback Dan Kendra (Bethlehem, Pa.) — yanking him away from Penn State. Wideout Peter Warrick (Bradenton, Fla.) is a huge talent who is expected to contribute early. Offensive linemen Jeremy Brett (Sandersville, Ga.) and Jerry Johnson (Ft. Pierce, Fla.) also filled a critical need for the Seminoles. FSU has a recruiting machine going and there isn't any indication that it is slowing down.



Southern Cal

For the second year in a row, coach John Robinson and his staff garnered a top 10 class. Quarterback was a significant need, and the Trojans penned two of the nation's finest in Dream Teamer Quincey Woods (Park Forest, Ill.) and John Fox (Corona, Calif.). Billy Miller (Westlake, Calif.) and Tony Griffin (Westchester, Calif.) were each rated among the nation's best half-dozen wide

receivers, and defensive back Daylon McCutcheon (La Puente, Calif.) looks likely to become the Pac-10's top freshman in 1995. Mark Manskar (Canyon, Calif.) could be another USC All-American offensive lineman in a couple of years.



Nebraska

The Cornhuskers parlayed their national championship season into one of their finest recruiting hauls in years. Leading the way is the No. 1-ranked running back in America: Ahman Green (6-1, 210, 4.4), who has been compared to the great Gayle Sayers, another pretty fair runner out of Green's hometown of Omaha. Linebacker Tony Ortiz (Waterbury, Ct.) could also supply an immediate impact. Also, watch for defensive lineman Derek Allen (Russellville, Ark.), offensive lineman Matt Baldwin (Arvada, Col.), and linebacker Kareem Sears (Enid, Okla.).



Penn State

It was an outstanding year for prep talent in Pennsylvania and the Nittany Lions took full advantage, with their only major setback being the de-committal of Kendra to Florida State. Dream Team LB and Co-Defensive Player of the Year Brandon Short (McKeesport, Pa.) leads this class. Other future Nittany Lions to keep an eye on are: tight end Cuncho Brown (Winston-Salem, N.C.), DB-RB Askari Adams (Camp Hill, Pa.), running back Chafie Fields (Philadelphia), and wide receiver Corey Jones (Lancaster, Pa.).



Michigan

Though not as top heavy with nationally known players, Michigan once again landed a top 10 class. The Wolverines recruited an excellent crop of defensive backs who are expected to make an early impact on the program. Leading the way is Charles Woodson (Fremont, Ohio). Some rated Charles as the best prospect in the Midwest. Others to watch are quarterback Tom Brady (San Mateo, Calif.), athlete Diallo Johnson (Detroit), defensive lineman Josh Williams (Houston), and defensive back Daydrian Taylor (Longview, Texas).



Tennessee

For the third year in a row the Vols landed a top 10 class. The Vols had specific needs at defensive line and helped themselves by getting an early commitment from Spencer Riley (Jefferson County, Tenn.). Riley may see some playing time in the fall. Another BlueChip Dream Teamer who may see some early playing time is running back Brian Darden (Vicksburg, Miss.). Darden, the No. 2-rated player at his position in the country, has been called a can't-miss prospect by most who have seen him play.



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#11 Alabama

Although this Crimson Tide class is small, it is loaded. Running back Shaun Alexander (Florence Ky.) was named his state's Player of the Year. The offensive line will be helped by Jason McDonald (Theodore) and Michael Moore (Fayette County), the top two offensive line prospects in Alabama. Defensive back Steven Stanley (Leighton) was named the state of Alabama's 3A Player of the Year. Michael Vaughn (Clarksdale, Miss.) was tabbed by many scouts as the best wide receiver in the Southeast. Vaughn's 40 TD receptions is a state record.

#12 Miami

What could have been a disaster turned out to be one outstanding recruiting class. The Hurricane faithful were in a mild panic before head coach Butch Davis arrived on the scene. The 'Canes continued to branch out beyond their own state, getting key signees from the Midwest and Texas. Some of the key 'Cane signees: defensive back Gary Thompkins (Miami), wide receiver Mondrial Fulcher (Coffeyville, Kan.), running back Dyral McMillan (Bradenton, Fla.), and defensive lineman Chad Pegues (Gainesville, Texas).



#13 Colorado

Rick Neuheisel and staff fought through controversy to garner a very solid recruiting class. The Buffaloes cleaned up in California and recruited well elsewhere, too. In Clyde Sanders (Sacramento) and David Gates (San Diego) they signed two of the best defensive linemen in the West. They also signed a Dream Teamer on the other side of the ball in offensive lineman Shane Cook (Lakewood, Colo.). Prep All-American Jeremy Weisinger (Uvalde, Texas) may be the quarterback of the future.

#14 Georgia

Once again coach Ray Goff proved that he can win the recruiting game; now he must prove that he can win on the football field. Bulldog fans are restless. Goff might be able to count on some of these youngsters for immediate help, too. The Bulldogs signed five BCI Dream Teamers: Offensive lineman Matt Stinchcomb (Lilburn, Ga.), defensive lineman Corey Simon (Pompano Beach, Fla.), tight end Anthony Lonon (Sylvania, Ga.), offensive lineman Steve Herndon (LaGrange, Ga.), and linebacker Lawson Cooper (Houston).

#15 UCLA

The Bruins centered their efforts locally for a change, scored well across the board, but didn't get many high-profile names. One player who may make an immediate impact is Dream Team wideout Ryan Roques (Moreno Valley, Calif.). Others to watch are kicker Chris Sailor (Sherman Oaks, Calif.), running back Ali Aziz

(Santa Maria, Calif.), quarterback-athlete Brad Melsby (Los Alamitos, Calif.), and linebacker Ramogi Huma (La Puente, Calif.).

#16 LSU

Tiger fans have a reason to rejoice once again. LSU made its best showing in New Orleans (signing nine) since 1983. The Tigers signed Louisiana's top athlete in all-purpose star Kevin Faulk (Carencro), who was twice the state Player of the Year.

Wide receiver Larry Foster (Harvey) and defensive lineman Damien Tullier (New Orleans) are also guys who could step into early playing time.

#17 Illinois

The Illini received a setback when quarterback Chris Redman (Louisville, Ky.) signed a letter of intent but then opted out for personal reasons. Coach Lou Tepper still got a number of outstanding recruits, and were still hoping into the summer to get D-lineman Fred Jones (San Diego), who was weighing Colorado and Illinois. Among the top new Illini: wide receiver Rob Majoy (Huron, Ohio), tight end Mike McGee (Springfield, Ill.), and offensive linemen Chip Nicastro (Florissant, Mo.) and Mike Flaar (Oswego, Ill.).

#18 South Carolina

The Gamecocks signed what some scouts are saying is their best class of all-time. Head coach Brad Scott learned a few tricks when he was an assistant at Florida State. Key Gamecock signees: linebacker-tight end Rodney Brown (Charleston, S.C.), offensive lineman Jamar Nesbit (Summerville, S.C.), and athlete Jason Pomar (Vero Beach, Fla.). Pomar will get a look at QB.

#19 Texas

After watching UCLA, USC and others snare top recruits out of Texas in years past, coach John Mackovic and his staff returned the favor, signing two of the best players in California: running back Ricky Williams (San Diego) and defensive lineman Clarence Martin (Oceanside). The Longhorns also did well in Texas, with linebackers Dusty Renfro (Alvarado) and Brandon Nava (Mesquite), and offensive linemen Keith Frierson (Deer Park) and Chris Butcher (Longview).

#20 North Carolina

Coach Mack Brown is a rising star in the recruiting game. This is the Tar Heels' third straight top 20 finish, as they slowly but surely close the gap between themselves and FSU. Key gets were running back Andre Barkley (Cincinnati, Ohio), wideout Na Brown (Reidsville, N.C.), tight end Ebenezer Ekuban (Riverdale, Md.), quarterback Jason Peace (Durham, N.C.) and tight end-safety Keith Newman (Tampa, Fla.). Notice the wide-ranging geographical power?

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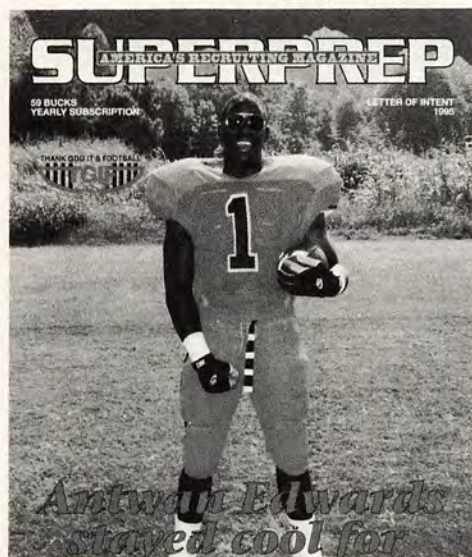
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Brock Huard	6-5	215	Puyallup, WA	Washington
Jarious Jackson	6-1	215	Tupelo, MS	Notre Dame
Dan Kendra	6-2	225	Bethlehem (Catholic), PA	Florida State
Chris Redman	6-3	195	Louisville (Male), KY	Oklahoma
Bobby Sabelhaus	6-6	220	Baltimore (McDonough), MD	Florida
Quincy Woods	6-2	181	Park Forest (Rich East), IL	Southern Cal

RUNNING BACKS

Shaun Alexander	6-2	195	Florence (Boone Co.), KY	Alabama
Andre Barkley	6-1	198	Cincinnati (Country Day), OH	North Carolina
Jerry Brown	6-0	195	Woodland Hills (Taft), CA	Oregon
Rashidi Brown	5-6	175	Hackensack, NJ	Clemson
Bennet Butler	6-1	195	Del City, OK	Oklahoma
Brian Darden	6-0	190	Vicksburg (Warren Co.), MS	Tennessee
Autry Denson	5-10	182	Ft. Lauderdale (Nova), FL	Notre Dame
Kevin Faulk	5-10	193	Carencro, LA	LSU
Ahman Green	6-1	205	Omaha (Central), NE	Nebraska
D'Andre Hardeman	6-0	220	Houston (Northshore), TX	Texas A&M
Rob Konrad	6-3	230	Danvers (St. John), MA	Syracuse
Cordell Mitchell	6-0	190	Syracuse (Ludden), NY	Penn State
De'mond Parker	5-11	180	Tulsa (B.T. Washington), OK	Oklahoma
Jamie Spencer	6-2	245	Monroe, LA	Notre Dame
Ricky Williams	6-0	210	San Diego (Henry), CA	Texas
Steve Wofford	5-11	180	Bakersfield, CA	California

TIGHT ENDS

Cuncho Brown	6-6	240	Winston-Salem, NC	Penn State
John Cerasani	6-4	255	Schaumburg, IL	Notre Dame
Anthony Lonon	6-4	225	Sylvania (Screven Co.), GA	Georgia
Keith Newman	6-2	210	Tampa (Jefferson), FL	North Carolina

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Cheston Blackshear	6-3	283	Jacksonville (White), FL	Florida
Jeremy Brett	6-3	300	Sandersville (Wash. County), GA	Florida State
Chad Clifton	6-7	295	Martin (Westview), TN	Tennessee
Shane Cook	6-7	270	Lakewood (Bear Creek), CO	Colorado
Mike Flaar	6-5	285	Oswego, IL	Illinois
Frank Giufre	6-4	275	Syracuse (Chris. Brothers), NY	Syracuse
Steve Herndon	6-5	280	LaGrange (Troupe), GA	Georgia
Brandon Houston	6-6	280	Katy (Taylor), TX	Texas A&M
Jerry Johnson	6-2	271	Ft. Pierce (Central), FL	Florida State
Mark Manskar	6-7	250	Canyon, CA	Southern Cal
Jason McDonald	6-7	285	Theodore, AL	Alabama
T.J. Meers	6-7	265	McEachern, GA	Auburn
Michael Moore	6-4	280	Fayette County, AL	Alabama
Tim Ridder	6-8	284	Omaha, NE	Notre Dame
Mike Rosenthal	6-8	295	Mishawaka (Penn), IN	Notre Dame
Johnny Shivers	6-5	285	Hallandale, FL	Virginia
Matt Stinchcomb	6-7	307	Lilburn (Parkview), GA	Georgia
Josh Williams	6-4	265	Houston (Cy Creek), TX	Michigan

WIDE RECEIVERS

Tony Griffin	6-2	200	Los Angeles (Westchester), CA	Southern Cal
Corey Jones	5-11	170	Lancaster, PA	Penn State
Billy Miller	6-4	215	Westlake, CA	Southern Cal
Kenny Mitchell	6-3	198	Peoria, AZ	Arizona State
Randy Moss	6-5	190	Belle, WV	Notre Dame
Ryan Roques	5-11	175	Moreno Valley (Canyon Spring), CA	UCLA

KICKERS

NAME	HT	WT	HOMETOWN (HS) STATE	COLLEGE
Randy Jones	6-2	205	Spokane (Ferris), WA	Washington
Kevin Kopka	5-10	180	Hollywood Hills, FL	Notre Dame
Chris Sailor	5-10	180	Sherman Oaks (Notre Dame), CA	UCLA
Rodney Williams (P)	6-2	180	Decatur (S.W. DeKalb), GA	Georgia Tech

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Derek Allen	6-6	275	Conway, AR	Nebraska
Ernie Badeaux	6-5	260	River Ridge (Curtis), LA	Florida
Fred Jones	6-3	270	San Diego State, CA	Colorado
Reggie McGrew	6-3	265	Mayo (LaFayette), FL	Florida
Chad Pegues	6-4	275	Gainesville, TX	Miami
Spender Riley	6-4	280	Dandridge, TN	Tennessee
Clyde Sanders	6-3	275	Sacramento (Grant), CA	Colorado
Cory Simon	6-2	255	Pomano Beach (Ely), FL	Georgia
Desmond Thomas	6-4	300	High Point, MD	Michigan State
Jerry Wisne	6-7	275	Jenks, OK	Notre Dame

LINEBACKERS

Barrett Askew	6-1	215	Lanett, AL	Auburn
Tim Beauchamp	6-3	230	New Smyrna Beach, FL	Florida
Lawson Cooper	6-1	230	Alief (Elsik), TX	Georgia
James Friday	6-3	230	Willowridge, TX	Notre Dame
Chad Henderson	6-3	245	Lincoln (County), TN	Tennessee
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Takeo Spikes	6-2	225	Sandersville (Wash. County), GA	Auburn
Jesse Tarplin	6-3	210	Cross Keys, GA	Georgia Tech

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Reggie Davis	6-1	171	Bradenton (Southeast), FL	Florida
Damian Hill	6-2	180	Dallas (Carter), TX	Florida
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Marlon Taylor	6-1	185	Smiths Station, AL	Auburn
Ryan Taylor	6-2	213	Dublin, GA	Auburn
Gary Thompkins	5-11	188	Miami (Pace), FL	Miami
Charles Woodson	6-2	187	Fremont (Ross), OH	Michigan

ATHLETES

Joe Hamilton	6-1	180	Macedonia, SC	Georgia Tech
Diallo Johnson	6-3	195	Orchard Lake (St. Mary's), MI	Michigan
Toya Jones	6-3	188	Refugio, TX	Texas A&M
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Wheatley, slowed by injuries part of the season, ran for 1,144 yards and averaged 5.4 yards on 210 carries.

Biakabutuka rushed for 783 yards and averaged 6.2 on 126 attempts.

After Biakabutuka was called off the bench to spark Michigan's win over Colorado State in the Holiday Bowl, a Wolverines assistant coach requesting anonymity said Michigan would be even better off at running back in 1995.

Biakabutuka was the reason behind that logic.

He and Ed Davis combined to account for 1,112 yards last season, so even without Wheatley, the Wolverines appear to be well-stocked at the position.

Biakabutuka is the classic fact-is-stranger-than-fiction story.

He was born in Zaire in 1974, the same year Muhammad Ali beat George Foreman in Kinshasa, Zaire. Then, in 1980, he moved to another football hotbed: Montreal.

No Canadian high schools serve as pipelines to major American colleges. No Cleveland Saint Ignatius or Valdosta, Ga., or Long Beach Poly north of the border.

So, Biakabutuka, who attended Vanier College in the Montreal suburb of Longueuil, jumped in a van with coach Marc Santerre and several other hopefuls to attend the University of Michigan summer football camp in 1992.

Mo Out, Carr In: 'They'll Just Keep Going'

With Gary Moeller out as Michigan coach following a humiliating scene in a suburban Detroit restaurant, it looks like it's going to be up to the Wolverines to decide how they react to the new shocking development.

"I think this might bring the team together, make us stronger," said defensive tackle Trent Zenkewicz. "I'd like to win for him."

"Every time I go out on the field, I'll feel I'm taking him with me."

Defensive coordinator Lloyd Carr was appointed head coach for the .

Moeller, 54, was arrested May 5 and charged with misdemeanor assault and disorderly conduct. He briefly scuffled with police upon being removed from the restaurant.

Six days later, UM officials accepted

his forced resignation after reaching a settlement that reportedly will pay him about \$350,000 (2½ years of the remaining three years on his contract).

Moeller finished his Michigan career with a 44-13-3 record, with three Big Ten championships followed by back-to-back 7-4 regular seasons.

Coaches throughout the Big Ten expressed sadness at Moeller's demise, but suggested that the Wolverines would thrive no matter who was hired to replace him.

"I don't expect Michigan to miss a step because it's got the tradition," said Indiana coach Bill Mallory, whose three sons played for Moeller at Michigan. "They just keep going. That's what happens with the great programs, and Michigan is one of the great ones."

Tshimanga passed the audition and got a scholarship. He speaks four languages: English, French and two African dialects, Tshiluba and Lingala.

"I learned English by watching TV," Biakabutuka said. He also learned about Michigan football on television.

MICHIGAN AT A GLANCE

1994: 8-4 overall, 5-3/3rd

THE '90s: 44-13-3 overall, 4-1 bowls

LAST LEAGUE TITLE: 1992

PLAYERS TO WATCH: RB Tshimanga Biakabutuka, WR Mercury Hayes, LB Jarrett Irons, WR Amani Toomer, NG Trent Zenkewicz.

OVERVIEW: Staffed by one of the best combinations of receivers and running backs in the country, the Wolverines need a solid effort from a young quarterback (probably freshman Scott Dreisbach) to unleash their power.

"When I was given No. 21 to wear, I knew it was Desmond Howard's number," he said, referring to the 1991 Heisman winner. "It doesn't bother me. I like it. All I wanted to do was play for Michigan."

In fact, he stands a reasonable chance this season of finishing higher in the voting than any Michigan player other than Howard in nearly a decade. Wheatley finished eighth in 1993, then not even in the top 10 last year in his injury-plagued season.

Biakabutuka missed half of spring practice after undergoing arthroscopic surgery to repair cartilage damage, but was expected to be at full strength for pre-season practices.

While Biakabutuka is a proven commodity, new quarterback Scott Dreisbach is a freshman who redshirted in 1994. A 6-4, 192-pound freshman from Mishawaka, Ind., Dreisbach was considered the favorite to replace senior Todd Collins, and held off a strong rush by sophomore Brian Griese.

Michigan opens Aug. 26 by hosting Virginia in the Pigskin Classic, and

JARRETT IRONS IS THE LEADING RETURNING TACKLER WITH 115.

PHOTO BY DAVID L. GREENE

WOLVERINES RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Ron ACHESON OL	6-5, 265	Lowell	Lowell
Ranked No. 4 on <i>Detroit News</i> Top 25 ♦ <i>Detroit Free Press</i> Top 25 Best of the Midwest ♦ <i>BlueChip Illustrated</i> rated No. 12 offensive lineman in Midwest.			
David BOWENS LB	6-3, 230	Pontiac	O. Lake St. Mary's
<i>SuperPrep</i> All-American ♦ <i>BlueChip Illustrated</i> second team All-American, rated No. 1 linebacker in Midwest ♦ <i>Prep Football Report</i> All-American ♦ Rated No. 1 weekside defensive end nationally by <i>National Recruiting Advisor</i> ♦ Ranked No. 3 player on <i>Detroit Free Press</i> Best of the Midwest.			
Tom BRADY QB	6-4, 215	San Mateo, CA	Serra
<i>BlueChip Illustrated</i> All-American ♦ Rated No. 10 pro-style quarterback nationally by <i>National Recruiting Advisor</i> ♦ <i>SuperPrep</i> ranked No. 65 player in Far West ♦ As a senior, completed 130 of 262 passes for 2,115 yards and 20 touchdowns.			
Kevin BRYANT DB/WR	6-0, 175	Farmington Hills	Harrison
<i>BlueChip Illustrated</i> All-Big 10 Region ♦ Rated No. 9 player in Midwest by <i>National Recruiting Advisor</i> ♦ <i>Prep Football Report</i> ranked No. 5 receiver in Michigan ♦ <i>Detroit News</i> Dream Team ♦ As a senior, caught 35 passes for 660 yards and 10 touchdowns ♦ Had 130 career tackles and 17 interceptions.			
J. R. FORD RB/DB	5-8, 165	Columbus, OH	Independence
<i>National Recruiting Advisor</i> rated No. 7 running back in Midwest and No. 1 runner in Ohio ♦ <i>SuperPrep</i> rated No. 42 player in Midwest.			
Steve FRAZIER C	6-4, 280	Kingwood, TX	Kingwood
<i>BlueChip Illustrated</i> second team All-American ♦ <i>SuperPrep</i> rated No. 62 player in Southwest ♦ <i>National Recruiting Advisor</i> ranked No. 3 offensive guard in Southwest ♦ <i>Prep Football Report</i> rated No. 42 prospect in Southwest ♦ Three-year starter.			
James HALL LB	6-3, 245	New Orleans, LA	St. Augustine
<i>SuperPrep</i> rated No. 12 player in Louisiana ♦ <i>Prep Football Report</i> ranked No. 45 player on All-Southwest Team.			
DiAllo JOHNSON QB	6-4, 190	Detroit	O. Lake St. Mary's
<i>BlueChip Illustrated</i> All-American defensive back ♦ <i>Prep Football Report</i> All-American defensive back ♦ Rated No. 4 prospect on <i>Detroit Free Press</i> Best of the Midwest ♦ Responsible for 1,400 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior.			
Pat KRATUS DE/LB	6-4, 240	Rocky River, OH	St. Ignatius
<i>Prep Football Report</i> rated No. 39 outside linebacker nationally ♦ <i>BlueChip Illustrated</i> rated No. 5 linebacker in Midwest ♦ <i>Cleveland Plain-Dealer</i> Defensive Player-of-the-Year ♦ All-State ♦ As a senior, had 81 solo tackles, 31 assists, 42 tackles for loss and 19 sacks.			
Eric MOLTANE DL	6-7, 275	Bay City	Central
<i>Prep Football Report</i> rated No. 6 offensive lineman in Midwest ♦ Ranked No. 9 on <i>Detroit Free Press</i> Best of the Midwest ♦ <i>BlueChip Illustrated</i> rated No. 8 defensive lineman in Midwest ♦ All-State ♦ As a senior, had 10 sacks and almost 100 tackles.			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Jeff POTTS OT	6-8, 280	Three Rivers	Three Rivers
<i>BlueChip Illustrated</i> second team All-American, rated No. 7 offensive lineman in Midwest ♦ Rated No. 4 offensive lineman in Michigan by <i>Prep Football Report</i> ♦ Runs 5.1 in 40-yard dash.			
Rob RENES MG	6-2, 275	Holland	West Ottawa
<i>BlueChip Illustrated</i> ranked No. 11 defensive lineman in Midwest ♦ <i>Detroit News</i> rated No. 14 player in Michigan ♦ All-State ♦ Member of wrestling team.			
Aaron SHEA FB/TE	6-5, 260	Ottawa, IL	Ottawa
<i>BlueChip Illustrated</i> rated No. 2 tight end in Midwest ♦ <i>SuperPrep</i> ranked No. 16 player in Midwest ♦ All-North Central Illinois ♦ Team Most Valuable Player ♦ As a senior, caught 29 passes for 379 yards and six touchdowns.			
Tai STREETS WR	6-4, 185	Matteson, IL	Thornton Township
<i>BlueChip Illustrated</i> Dream Team ♦ <i>SuperPrep</i> All-American, ranked No. 9 receiver nationally ♦ Rated No. 6 receiver nationally by <i>Prep Football Report</i> ♦ <i>National Recruiting Advisor</i> ranked No. 5 wide receiver in the country ♦ As a senior, caught 40 passes for 932 yards.			
Daydrian TAYLOR DB	6-1, 190	Longview, TX	Longview
<i>Prep Football Report</i> All-American ♦ <i>SuperPrep</i> All-American ♦ Rated No. 8 free safety nationally by <i>National Recruiting Advisor</i> ♦ Ranked No. 3 defensive back in Southwest by <i>BlueChip Illustrated</i> ♦ As a junior, had 67 tackles and seven interceptions.			
Brent WASHINGTON DB	6-1, 175	Inkster	John Glenn
All-State ♦ As a senior, rushed for 1,500 yards and school-record 17 touchdowns.			
Clarence WILLIAMS RB	5-10, 180	Detroit	Cass Tech
<i>SuperPrep</i> All-American, rated No. 22 running back nationally ♦ <i>Prep Football Report</i> ranked No. 1 runner in Michigan ♦ <i>National Recruiting Advisor</i> rated No. 10 all-purpose back nationally ♦ As a senior, had 1,346 yards rushing and 24 touchdowns ♦ Career totals of 3,400 rushing yards and 47 scores ♦ Helped team to city championship.			
Josh WILLIAMS DL	6-4, 260	Houston, TX	Cypress Creek
<i>BlueChip Illustrated</i> All-American, rated No. 1 defensive lineman in Southwest ♦ <i>SuperPrep</i> All-American, rated No. 16 defensive lineman nationally ♦ <i>National Recruiting Advisor</i> ranked No. 10 defensive lineman in the country ♦ Rated No. 4 defensive tackle nationally by <i>Prep Football Report</i> ♦ As a junior, had 42 solo tackles and eight sacks ♦ Throws shot put for track team.			
Charles WOODSON DB	6-1, 185	Freemont, OH	Ross
<i>BlueChip Illustrated</i> Dream Team, rated No. 1 defensive back in Midwest ♦ <i>SuperPrep</i> All-American, ranked No. 3 in athlete category ♦ <i>National Recruiting Advisor</i> rated No. 3 free safety nationally ♦ <i>Prep Football Report</i> ranked No. 15 tailback nationally ♦ As senior running back, rushed for over 2,000 yards and 38 touchdowns.			
Chris ZIEMANN DL	6-7, 250	Aurora, IL	Waubensie Valley
<i>SuperPrep</i> rated No. 27 player in Midwest. ♦ <i>BlueChip Illustrated</i> All-Big 10 Region ♦ All-State.			

'94 RESULTS

(8-4-0, 5-3-0)

34	Boston College	26
26	Notre Dame	24
26	Colorado	27
29	Iowa	14
40	Michigan State	20
24	Penn State	31
19	Illinois	14
19	Wisconsin	31
45	Purdue	23
38	Minnesota	22
6	Ohio State	22
24	HOLIDAY BOWL Colorado State	14

'94 STATS

PASSING

NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
Collins	264	172	2356	65.2	11	7
Carr	8	2	10	25.0	0	1

RUSHING

NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD
Wheatley	194	1064	5.5	67	11
Biakabutuka	117	713	6.1	47	7
Davis	79	326	4.1	19	3
Floyd	6	69	11.5	54	0

RECEIVING

NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD
Toomer	49	1033	21.1	65	5
Hayes	33	548	16.6	43	0
Riemersma	33	336	10.2	26	2

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

TACKLES: Morrison 122; Irons 103; Winters 62; Thompson 60; Zenkewicz 59; Law 56; Johnson 55; Horn 46.

INTERCEPTIONS: Swett 1; Morrison 1; Winters 1; Hankins 1; Law 1; Thompson 1.

QB SACKS: Zenkewicz 5; Horn 5; Pryce 4; Steele 3.

TACKLES FOR LOSS: Zenkewicz 16; Horn 10; Morrison 7; Irons 6; Waldroup 5; Johnson 4; Pryce 4; Steele 3; Swett 3.

'95 SCHEDULE

Aug. 26	VIRGINIA*
Sept. 2	at Illinois
Sept. 9	MEMPHIS
Sept. 16	at Boston College
Sept. 30	MIAMI (OH)
Oct. 7	NORTHWESTERN
Oct. 21	at Indiana
Oct. 28	MINNESOTA
Nov. 4	at Michigan State
Nov. 11	PURDUE
Nov. 18	at Penn State
Nov. 25	OHIO STATE

*1995 Pigskin Classic (Ann Arbor, MI)



TSHIMANGA BIAKABUTUKA IS A HARD-TO-GRAB COMBINATION OF SPEED AND POWER, AND WAS MICHIGAN'S MOST EFFECTIVE RUNNER LATE IN THE 1994 SEASON.

PHOTO BY DAVID DUROCHIK

Dreisbach plans to study the offense and work extra with receivers in preparation.

"(Tight end) Jay Riemersma used to play quarterback and he kind of took me under his wing," Dreisbach said. "I watched a lot of film with him and Todd Collins."

Collins said: "Scott is very talented. His best ability is his ability to make big plays. And he's a smart guy who will learn."

Quarterbacks coach Kit Cartwright said Dreisbach has the strongest arm and quickest feet of his four scholarship quarterbacks.

"Scott is most definitely the niftiest kid in the group," Cartwright said. "He's a playmaker, and can take something marginal and turn it into a productive play."

Dreisbach completed six of 10 passes for 57 yards in the spring scrimmage, and Griese was six-of-11 for 109 yards and two touchdowns.

"Brian never had many snaps with the first offense until the spring," Cartwright said. "He improved a lot, as did Jason Carr and Scot Loeffler. Brian is a sound player with no major flaws and also makes big plays. He has really improved and

sped up his game by becoming more aware of his surroundings."

The door is not shut on Griese, but has swung open for Dreisbach. Cartwright had early-morning study sessions with Dreisbach last season to prepare him in the event Collins had been injured.

"Those mornings really helped me out," Dreisbach said. "And after this spring, I have a better understanding of the offense. I got even more repetitions and got the routes down with the receivers."

"All Coach Moeller told me was, 'Go in and do your best.' And I thought I did. I like being the leader; I like to take a team on my shoulders."

Collins had two full years as the starter, but Dreisbach has four potential seasons.

Rick Leach (1975-78) was Michigan's last four-year starter and did so without redshirting. Elvis Grbac was the leading passer for four years (1989-92), but Michael Taylor was the primary starter his freshman year.

Dreisbach could be next in line for a long stay, but it's safe to say the Wolver-

ines will miss Collins, voted Most Valuable Player by his teammates as a senior. Collins threw for 2,518 yards and 13 touchdowns last year.

The Wolverines closed 1994 with a Holiday Bowl win over Colorado State, but all is not rosy when Michigan finishes out of the Rose Bowl.

Michigan wasn't as haunted by the last-second loss to Colorado as many believed, but dropping the hard-fought, 31-24 decision to Penn State really deflated the team.

The Wolverines went from chasing the national title to a back seat in their own conference, where they finished third.

Starting with the Oct. 15 disappointment against Penn State, they dropped three of their last six Big Ten games, and suddenly, they are a very average 7-6 in their last 13 conference games.

By comparison, it had taken them 51 games to accumulate their previous six defeats, dating back to November of 1986.

The more recent mark is not one that receives approval in Ann Arbor, where

WOLVERINE SPRING ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
68	Zach Adami	OG	So.	6-5	279	Maumelle, AR	41	Tim Laws	OLB	Fr.	6-4	226	Battle Creek
20	Deallo Anderson	SS	Jr.	6-0	208	Youngstown, OH	15	Scot Loeffler	QB	So.	6-3	202	Barberton, OH
46	Kraig Baker	P	So.	6-0	168	Terre Haute, IN	73	Joe Marinaro	OG	Sr.	6-4	290	Andover, MA
21	Tshimanga Biakabutuka	TB	Jr.	6-1	205	Longueuil, Quebec	60	Nate Miller	DT	Fr.	6-3	257	Imley City
24	Brent Blackwell	OLB	So.	6-2	221	Anderson, IN	31	Tom Moniky	FB	So.	6-1	196	Plymouth
70	Mark Bloach	OT	Jr.	6-6	287	Muskegon	42	Tyrone Noble	CB	Jr.	5-11	196	Kankakee, IL
3	Todd Brooks	WR	Fr.	6-0	175	Freeport, IL	89	Sean Parini	OLB	So.	6-1	219	Grand Rapids
1	Tyrone Butterfield	WR	Fr.	5-8	168	Miami, FL	78	Noah Parker	OG	Fr.	6-4	298	Milton, FL
82	Mark Campbell	TE	Fr.	6-6	241	Clawson	72	John Partchenko	OT	So.	6-4	291	Etobicoke, Ontario
13	Jason Carr	QB	Sr.	6-1	198	Ann Arbor	52	Rod Payne	C	Jr.	6-4	288	Miami, FL
96	William Carr	NT	Jr.	6-0	285	Dallas, TX	99	Paul Peristeris	P	Jr.	6-2	200	Lincoln Park
34	Jean-Angus Charles	CB	Sr.	5-11	197	Montreal, Quebec	45	Darren Petterson	WR	Fr.	5-10	156	Flint
74	Josh Cockrell	OG	So.	6-2	293	Evanston, IL	8	Trevor Pryce	OLB	Jr.	6-6	255	Casselberry, FL
88	Pierre Cooper	TE	Jr.	6-2	225	Alief, TX	25	Terrence Quinn	FS	Fr.	5-10	178	Flint
43	Clint Copenhaver	ILB	Fr.	6-3	212	Brighton	29	Marcus Ray	SS	Fr.	6-0	208	Columbus, OH
50	David Crispin	ILB	So.	6-0	220	Dearborn Heights	83	Todd Richards	WR	Sr.	6-0	172	Reading
26	Ed Davis	TB	Sr.	5-9	201	Detroit	16	Jay Riemersma	TE	Sr.	6-6	252	Zeeland
39	Nate DeLong	P	So.	6-2	214	Wyandotte	54	Joe Ries	C	So.	6-3	288	Barberton, OH
51	Damon Denson	OG	Jr.	6-4	276	Pittsburgh, PA	69	Jon Runyan	OT	Jr.	6-8	299	Flint
84	Matt DeYoung	WR	Jr.	5-10	190	Kalamazoo	31	Earnest Sanders	SS	So.	6-3	199	Flint
12	Scott Dreisbach	QB	Fr.	6-4	192	Mishawaka, IN	55	Rosheed Simmons	OLB	Fr.	6-5	235	Edison, NJ
5	Mike Elston	OLB	So.	6-4	242	St. Mary's, OH	57	Chris Singletary	OLB	Fr.	6-1	230	Detroit
92	Steve Evans	DT	Jr.	6-4	261	Roxbury, MA	62	Ante Skorput	OG	Sr.	6-3	284	Toronto, Ontario
90	Juquin Feazell	DT	Fr.	6-4	253	Fort Valley, GA	86	Seth Smith	WR	So.	5-11	174	Carbondale, IL
49	Jay Feely	PK	Fr.	5-10	186	Odessa, FL	59	Jeff Springer	ILB	Jr.	6-0	226	Detroit
7	Chris Floyd	RB	So.	6-1	221	Detroit	81	Glen Steele	DT	So.	6-5	270	Ligonier, IN
56	Harold Goodwin	OG	Jr.	6-2	283	Hopkins, SC	61	Mike Sullivan	OT	Sr.	6-7	299	East Lansing
14	Brian Griesse	QB	So.	6-3	210	Miami, FL	44	Rob Swett	ILB	So.	6-2	229	Chalfont, PA
75	Thomas Guynes	OL	Jr.	6-5	299	Kankakee, IL	93	Sam Sward	ILB	Fr.	6-2	249	Saginaw
19	Remy Hamilton	PK	Jr.	6-0	196	Boca Raton, FL	63	Matt Sygo	OG	Fr.	6-2	298	Saginaw
23	Woodrow Hankins	CB	Jr.	5-9	197	Owasso, OK	17	Clarence Thompson	SS	Jr.	6-1	190	Detroit
9	Mercury Hayes	WR	Sr.	5-11	195	Houston, TX	18	Amani Toomer	WR	Sr.	6-4	194	Berkeley, CA
94	Jason Horn	DT/NT	Sr.	6-5	277	Lafayette, IN	80	Jerame Tuman	TE	Fr.	6-4	217	Liberal, KS
32	Chris Howard	RB	So.	5-10	216	River Ridge, LA	45	Mike Vanderbeek	ILB	Jr.	6-3	228	Hudsonville
40	George Howell	FB	So.	6-2	236	Irving, TX	84	Rob Vander Leest	TE	Sr.	6-4	266	Muskegon
53	Ben Huff	DT	So.	6-4	236	Charlotte, NC	30	Andre Weathers	CB	Fr.	6-0	168	Flint
25	Mike Hynes	CB	Sr.	5-11	187	Southfield	65	Eric Wendt	C	Jr.	6-4	286	Cincinnati, OH
37	Jarrett Irons	ILB	Jr.	6-1	231	The Woodlands, TX	4	Anthony Williams	WR	So.	5-10	169	Terre Haute, IN
77	Jon Jansen	OT	Fr.	6-7	250	Clawson	19	Bryan Williams	CB	Jr.	5-10	178	Detroit
29	Colby Keefer	QB	So.	6-2	205	Holly	35	Chuck Winters	FS	Jr.	6-0	192	Detroit
27	Steve King	FS	Jr.	6-1	193	Riviera Beach, FL	76	Trent Zenkewicz	DT	Sr.	6-6	270	Cleveland, OH
17	Ed Kiser	QB	Fr.	6-3	197	Fremont, OH							
66	Chris Kurpeikis	OT	So.	6-6	281	Allison Park, PA							

Roster and depth chart subject to change.

OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
12	Scott Dreisbach	Freshman
14	Brian Griesse	Sophomore
NUMBER	FULLBACK	YEAR
32	Chris Howard	Sophomore
7	Chris Floyd	Sophomore
NUMBER	TAILBACK	YEAR
21	Tshimanga Biakabutuka	Junior
26	Ed Davis	Senior
NUMBER	FLANKER	YEAR
9	Mercury Hayes*	Senior
4	Anthony Williams	Sophomore
NUMBER	SPLIT END	YEAR
18	Amani Toomer*	Senior
3	Todd Brooks	Freshman
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
16	Jay Riemersma*	Senior
88	Pierre Cooper	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
69	Jon Runyan*	Junior
70	Mark Bloach	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
68	Zach Adami	Sophomore
51	Damon Denson	Junior
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
52	Rod Payne*	Junior
54	Joe Ries	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
73	Joe Marinaro*	Senior
78	Noah Parker	Freshman
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
75	Thomas Guynes*	Junior
61	Mike Sullivan	Senior

*Returning Starter

— DEFENSE —

NUMBER	LEFT END	YEAR
81	Glen Steele*	Sophomore
8	Trevor Pryce	Junior
NUMBER	DEFENSIVE TACKLE	YEAR
76	Trent Zenkewicz*	Senior
92	Steve Evans	Junior
NUMBER	NOSE TACKLE	YEAR
94	Jason Horn*	Senior
96	Will Carr	Junior
NUMBER	DEFENSIVE TACKLE	YEAR
90	Juquin Feazell	Freshman
53	Ben Huff	Sophomore
NUMBER	STRONG LINEBACKER	YEAR
24	Brent Blackwell	Sophomore
5	Mike Elston	Sophomore
NUMBER	MIDDLE LINEBACKER	YEAR
37	Jarrett Irons*	Junior
93	Sam Sward	Freshman
NUMBER	WEAK LINEBACKER	YEAR
44	Rob Swett	Sophomore
43	Clint Copenhaver	Freshman
NUMBER	LEFT CORNERBACK	YEAR
23	Woody Hankins	Junior
42	Tyrone Noble	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT CORNERBACK	YEAR
34	Jean-Angus Charles	Senior
30	Andre Weathers	Freshman
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
7	Clarence Thompson*	Junior
31	Earnest Sanders	Junior
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
35	Chuck Winters*	Sophomore
27	Steve King	Junior

SPRING UPDATE

Staff changes meant new spring responsibilities for all but three coaches. Coach Gary Moeller completed the revamping of his staff by hiring former Wolverines defensive back Erik Campbell to coach receivers and Brady Hoke as outside linebackers coach.

Campbell, 29, had been the running backs coach at Syracuse and becomes the youngest UM assistant. He played in four bowl games, was a member of the 1986 Big Ten champions, and played for the Green Bay Packers in 1988.

Hoke, 36, was Ball State's captain in 1980 and a second-team All-Mid-American Conference linebacker. He spent the last six seasons as the defensive line or linebackers coach at Oregon State.

They replace offensive line coach Les Miles and secondary coach Bill Harris. Miles became the offensive coordinator at Oklahoma State and Harris the defensive coordinator at Stanford.

◆ Only defensive line coach Greg Mattison, running backs coach Fred Jackson and inside

linebackers coach Jim Herrmann remain in the same roles. Defensive coordinator Lloyd Carr also will now coach defensive backs. Bobby Morrison moved from outside linebackers to offensive tackles and tight ends. Mike DeBord switched from tackles and tight ends to guards and centers.

◆ Carr and Morrison are the last holdovers from the staff Moeller inherited from Bo Schembechler in 1990.

◆ Sophomore tailback Chris Floyd enjoyed a strong spring and was the top rusher in the spring game (17 carries, 80 yards) in the absence of Tshimanga Biakabutuka (knee) and Ed Davis (shoulder). A former Parade All-American, Floyd rushed for 71 yards on seven carries as a true freshman in 1994, including a 54-yard run in the 38-22 victory over Minnesota.

◆ Tight ends Pierre Cooper (back) and Rob Vander Leest (leg) are expected back in the fall.

◆ Suspended split end Seth Smith will not return to the team.

— Steve Kornacki

the Wolverines had won or shared five consecutive Big Ten championships before the 1993 season.

Endurance is the biggest test Michigan faces this season. It opens Aug. 26 with Virginia and finishes Nov. 25 with Ohio State. Opening before Labor Day and playing after Thanksgiving Day means a 14-week season with two bye weeks.

Naturally, a stop at Boston is included during the marathon season.

The Wolverines play at Boston College and also will be tested by the Cavaliers, but get two automatic wins against Memphis and Miami of Ohio. The success of the season appears to hinge on the final two games — at Penn State and against the Buckeyes in Ann Arbor — and Michigan fans can only hope the team has the healthy bodies and fresh legs necessary when it counts most.

The defense must hold up better if this season is to end in Pasadena. It only held three 1994 opponents under 20 points, but won each time it did.

Four of the top five tacklers are back, but leading tackler Steve Morrison (128 tackles) will be missed at inside linebacker. Cornerback Ty Law and outside linebacker Matt Dyson are other impact players who must be replaced.

Inside linebacker Jeremy Irons is the leading returning tackler with 115, and linemen Jason Horn and Trent Zenkewicz were the top sackers with 11 combined.

Breaking in two new cornerbacks and stopping the big pass plays that cost Michigan dearly in 1994 are the primary needs.

The Wolverines never allowed a run of 30-plus yards, but were burned for 15 passes in that category and surrendered a whopping 18 touchdown passes.

Freshmen defensive backs Charles Woodson and Daydrion Taylor could get quick playing time, and David Bowens is the fastest inside linebacker Michigan has ever recruited. All three could make instant impacts.

Punting and placekicking were a bad news-good news story last year. Remy Hamilton set a Big Ten record with 25

field goals and only missed five, but Kraig Baker averaged only 34.9 yards per punt.

Coaches lamented that the reason Hamilton had so many attempts was an offense that often stalled despite featuring Michigan's No. 2 career passing and rushing yardage leaders.

Collins (5,858 yards) and Wheatley (4,178 yards) are off to the NFL as second-

Mercury Hayes (36 catches, 589 yards) and tight end Jay Riemersma (33 catches, 336 yards).

Toomer broke a 28-year-old school record for receiving yardage and is a top Biletnikoff Award candidate.

Riemersma switched from quarterback in one quick season and is considered a pro prospect after pulling off the unusual position adjustment. He provided linebacker George Howell the incentive to accept an opportunity to play fullback.

"I looked at that change Jay made," Howell said, "and so I knew the coaches were serious about me doing this."

The most glaring hole on offense had been at fullback — where Che' Foster went pro early and Jon Ritchie transferred to Stanford.

But Howell stepped up to win the job with an impressive spring of running and blocking. Backup tailback Ed Davis (shoulder) also missed half of spring drills, and Howell and freshmen tailbacks Chris Floyd and Chris Howard were the only healthy scholarship backs for the last several practices.

Michigan also had to do without talented offensive tackle Jon Runyan in the spring. Runyan injured his foot before the Holiday Bowl, and the lost time will slow his transition back to tackle after a year at guard.

Defensive tackle Damon Denson was moved to offense in an effort to add spark and depth to the line. Denson was impressive enough in the spring to merit playing time despite

having talented veteran Joe Marinaro and fast-rising freshman Zach Adami ahead of him in the starting roles.

Center Rod Payne must stay healthy because the Wolverines lack proven depth in the middle.

One way or another, there's little doubt that Michigan will play in the post-season, the only question is where. Michigan's 20 straight bowl appearances are second only to Nebraska (26), and they have stayed near the top with top talent.

From Anthony Carter to Howard to Wheatley, and now Biakabutuka.

He is a handful to stop and a mouthful to pronounce.

— Steve Kornacki



AMANI TOOMER BROKE A 28-YEAR-OLD SCHOOL RECORD FOR RECEIVING YARDAGE AND IS A TOP BILETNIKOFF AWARD CANDIDATE.

PHOTO BY PAUL JASIENSKI

round and first-round picks, respectively, after finishing with a team that burned up the middle of the field.

Backing up Collins wasn't nearly as fun as playing behind Wheatley.

Fifth-year senior Jason Carr has thrown just 14 passes in games and had only an outside chance to become the starter.

Fans also know little about Dreisbach and Griese, but surely know plenty about the father of one of them — Miami Dolphins Hall of Fame quarterback Bob Griese, a Purdue All-American.

The new quarterback will have three outstanding targets in wideouts Amani Toomer (54 catches, 1,096 yards) and



Ohio State **BUCKEYES**

Personnel Losses Don't Preclude Run For Roses

Imagine what these Ohio State Buckeyes might have looked like if they had sustained some stability from the 8-4 season of 1994.

Their best offensive lineman, Korey Stringer, leaped to the NFL with a year of eligibility remaining.

Their two best linebackers, Craig Powell and Lorenzo Styles, did the same.

Their wide receivers coach, Mike Stock, also jumped into pro ball, accepting a job with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Their secondary-turned-quarterbacks coach, Larry Coker, left to become the University of Miami offensive coordinator.

Their tackles/tight ends coach, Lee Owens, left to become head coach at Akron. Their quarterbacks coach, Ron Hudson, was fired.

But despite the revolving door to the coaches' offices, and what would commonly be gaping holes with the absence of the three standout players, this team is looking for its first trip to the Rose Bowl since 1984.

"That's the goal we start every season hoping to reach," coach John Cooper said, "and I think we're getting closer to that goal every year."

Had Stringer, Styles and Powell stuck around, OSU would no doubt be a lot closer, but it's not as if Cooper is devoid of talent in the wake of their departures.

Stringer's loss, albeit huge, leaves the only vacancy on the offensive line, and tailback Eddie George returns after rushing for 1,442 yards and 12 touchdowns in his first season as a starter.

"Now that I have a year under my belt, I know more what to expect, and I expect a lot more out of myself," said George, a 6-3, 230-pound senior who joins Minnesota's Chris Darkins as the only returning Doak Walker Award candidates from last year's list of seven finalists. "As a team, I expect us to be able to dominate people on offense."

Tackle Orlando Pace, the Big Ten's Freshman of the Year in 1994, and center Juan Porter could be the best in the

league at their respective positions.

Quarterback Bob Hoying has shown the same potential after directing OSU to a first- and second-place finish in his two seasons as a starter.

"Bobby Hoying has been a good quarterback for us for two years," Cooper said. "I expect him to be the best quarterback in the league this year. We need for him to play well for us to be successful, and I'm sure he will play well. He's a leader on this team."

Hoying completed 56.5 percent of his passes last year and threw for the second-most yards (2,335) and the most touchdowns (19) in a single season ever at OSU.

And new offensive coordinator Walt Harris could be the guy to get even more out of him.

Harris, who was let go as the New York Jets' offensive coordinator when head coach Bruce Coslett and his staff were fired, is a good indication that the coaching changes don't have to be considered setbacks, Cooper insists.

"It's my job as the head football coach

to go out and replace the good people we lost with other good people," Cooper said. "Nobody likes to lose coaches, but the great thing about a place like Ohio State is there's never a shortage of talented coaches who want to come here and help us build a winner."

Whether it was the allure of Columbus, or simply that some of Cooper's new hires were facing unemployment, the result is an impressive new staff in terms of resume length.

First, Cooper convinced Lovie Smith to leave Tennessee and take over as OSU's secondary coach. Smith played under Cooper at Tulsa and coached for him at Arizona State.

Mike Jacobs, West Virginia's offensive coordinator the past seven seasons, agreed to leave Morgantown to coach the Buckeyes' tackles and tight ends.

Chuck Stobart, fired at Memphis in a power struggle with the school's president, came aboard as OSU's wide receivers coach.

"We hired, in my opinion, four of the very best coaches at their position in the country," Cooper said. "These guys are all proven winners and they'll bring a great attitude and great enthusiasm to our team."

"I don't expect us to miss a beat with them. I think we'll have as strong a staff as anyone in the country, and we should, because this is a great school, a great city and a great place to coach."

Harris plans to raise the completion percentage even higher by incorporating George, fullback Nicky Sualua and tight ends Rickey Dudley and D.J. Jones more into the team's passing game.

"One of my philosophies in the passing game is to not get sacked," Harris said. "The best way not to get sacked is to get rid of the ball quickly. You can't throw the ball down the field for a very high percentage."

OHIO STATE AT A GLANCE

1994: 9-4 overall, 6-2/2nd
THE '90s: 42-16-3 overall, 1-4 bowls
LAST LEAGUE TITLE: 1993

COACH: John Cooper
At OSU: 54-26-4, 7 years
Overall: 136-66-6, 18 years

PLAYERS TO WATCH: LB Greg Bellisari, RB Eddie George, QB Bobby Hoying, OT Orlando Pace, CB Shawn Springs.

OVERVIEW: The Buckeyes have a well-stocked offense to take on a tough schedule. One of the outstanding defensive lines in the country will have to keep the pressure on opposing passers and off the OSU secondary.

TAILBACK EDDIE GEORGE RETURNS AFTER RUSHING FOR 1,442 YARDS AND 12 TOUCHDOWNS IN HIS FIRST SEASON AS A STARTER.

PHOTO BY BOB ROSATO



BUCKEYES RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Brent BARTHOLOMEW P	6-2, 198	Apopka, FL	Apopka
All-Central Florida ♦ Averaged 47.4 yards per punt as a senior ♦ Averaged over 44 yards per kick as a junior ♦ Dropped nine punts inside 20-yard line ♦ Member of soccer team.			
Rodell DUPREE LB	6-3, 240	Jersey City, NJ	Ferris
Parade All-American in 1993 ♦ Enrolled at Ohio State last season, but was not member of football team ♦ Prep All-State ♦ As a senior, had 60 tackles, five sacks, three interceptions and three recovered fumbles ♦ Helped team to consecutive city championships ♦ Member of basketball and track teams.			
Tony EISENHARD DE	6-7, 220	Tiffin	Columbian
SuperPrep rated No. 69 player in Midwest ♦ Named district's top defensive lineman ♦ As a senior, had 60 tackles and seven sacks ♦ Also played tight end ♦ Averaged 24 points and 11 rebounds per game in basketball as a junior.			
Andrew ELFORD OL	6-4, 277	Garfield, NJ	St. Mary
Two-time All-League ♦ All-State ♦ Two-year two-way starter ♦ Started four years on offense ♦ Helped team to state playoffs.			
Joe GERMAINE QB	6-2, 196	Mesa, AZ	Scottsdale CC
Completed 231 of 356 passes for 2,729 yards and 18 touchdowns in 1994 ♦ SuperPrep rated No. 95 junior college prospect nationally ♦ Set all-time juco record with 49 completions in a game ♦ Led prep team to state title as a senior ♦ Threw for 2,081 yards and 23 touchdowns.			
Darren HESTER LB	6-1, 230	Dallas, TX	Hillcrest
As a senior, had 109 tackles, five sacks, two interceptions and six caused fumbles ♦ Helped team to district title ♦ Two-time District Player-of-the-Year ♦ Long snapper ♦ Team captain.			
Randy HOMA LB	6-2, 250	Pottsville, PA	Pottsville Area
All-State ♦ As a senior, was in on 156 tackles and had six sacks and two interceptions ♦ Four-year starter ♦ Helped team to playoffs during three seasons ♦ Had 455 career tackles.			
Kevin JOHNSON LB	6-0, 220	Athens, GA	NE Oklahoma A&M
Helped team to national junior college championship game ♦ SuperPrep rated No. 89 juco player nationally ♦ In 1994, had 95 tackles and three sacks ♦ Previous season, had 77 tackles, three sacks and a blocked punt ♦ Four-year letterman in football, basketball and track in high school.			
Matt KELLER RB	6-0, 200	Mason	Cincinnati Moeller
SuperPrep rated No. 88 player in Midwest ♦ As a senior, rushed for 1,116 yards and 15 touchdowns ♦ Caught 33 passes for 495 yards ♦ Had 34 career touchdowns.			
Percy KING DB	6-4, 200	Columbus	Marion-Franklin
SuperPrep rated No. 12 player in Midwest ♦ National Recruiting Advisor All-American ♦ BlueChip Illustrated ranked No. 5 defensive back in Midwest ♦ All-District ♦ Columbus Dispatch Central Ohio All-Star Team ♦ As a senior, had 86 tackles and three interceptions.			
Chris KIRK LB	6-3, 235	Westerville	South
SuperPrep ranked No. 67 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated ranked No. 12 linebacker in Midwest ♦ All-District ♦ All-Conference ♦ Helped team to state title game.			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Matt LaVRAR LB	6-3, 220	Maumee	Maumee
SuperPrep rated No. 32 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 4 linebacker in Midwest ♦ Division Defensive Player-of-the-Year ♦ All-State ♦ As a senior, was in on 118 tackles ♦ As a junior, had nine sacks and was in on 121 tackles ♦ Helped team to conference championship ♦ Second team All-State as a junior.			
Joe MONTGOMERY RB	5-11, 225	Robbins, IL	Oak Lawn Richards
Enrolled at Ohio State in 1994, but not member of football team ♦ As 1993 prep senior, rushed for 1,676 yards and 26 touchdowns ♦ Scored 180 points ♦ Rushed for state record 328 yards and six touchdowns in one playoff game ♦ Member of track team.			
Rob MURPHY OL	6-5, 252	Cincinnati	Moeller
Helped team to state title game as a junior ♦ Will play guard or center for Buckeyes ♦ Three-year member of ice hockey team ♦ Member of wrestling team.			
Ahmed PLUMMER DB	6-1, 182	Wyoming	Wyoming
SuperPrep rated No. 50 player in Midwest ♦ Starter at quarterback and defensive back ♦ As a senior, accounted for 18 touchdowns and over 2,000 yards, and intercepted seven passes ♦ All-State ♦ Had 17 career interceptions ♦ Member of basketball and baseball teams.			
Jimmy REDMOND WR	6-0, 165	Lee's Summit, MO	Blue Springs South
As a senior, had 43 catches for 594 yards and seven touchdowns ♦ Kick returner ♦ Helped team to state playoffs ♦ All-District ♦ Member of track team.			
Charlie SANDERS TB	5-9, 215	Rochester Hills, MI	Adams
SuperPrep ranked No. 60 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated ranked No. 11 running back in Midwest ♦ As a senior, averaged 8.4 yards per carry, rushing for 1,160 yards and 12 touchdowns ♦ Had 1,588 rushing yards as a junior.			
Eric SMITH OL	6-5, 300	Columbus	Walnut Ridge
SuperPrep rated No. 52 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 4 offensive lineman in Midwest ♦ All-Central District ♦ Columbus Dispatch Central Ohio All-Star Team ♦ Two-time All-League ♦ Two-way starter.			
Marc WILLIS DB	6-3, 210	Phoenix, AZ	Phoenix College
All-Western State League during two junior college seasons ♦ Intercepted three passes in 1994.			
Antoine WINFIELD DB	5-9, 178	Akron	Garfield
SuperPrep rated No. 90 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 9 defensive back in Midwest ♦ Division Defensive Player-of-the-Year ♦ Three-year starter ♦ As a senior, had 48 tackles, three interceptions and a blocked punt ♦ Rushed for 1,069 yards, averaging over seven yards per carry ♦ Helped team to city championship during three seasons.			
Steve WISNIEWSKI TE	6-5, 230	Timberlake	Eastlake North
SuperPrep rated No. 11 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated ranked No. 3 tight end in Midwest ♦ As a senior, had 28 catches for 336 yards and four touchdowns ♦ All-District ♦ Graded 93 percent blocking efficiency in 1994 ♦ Had 12 tackles for loss as defensive tackle ♦ Starting forward on basketball team.			

'94 RESULTS

(9-4-0, 6-2-0)

34	Fresno State	10
16	Washington	25
27	Pittsburgh	3
52	Houston	0
17	Northwestern	15
10	Illinois	24
23	Michigan State	7
48	Purdue	14
14	Penn State	63
24	Wisconsin	3
32	Indiana	17
22	Michigan	6
17	CITRUS BOWL Alabama	24

'94 STATS

PASSING						
NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
Hoying, B.	301	170	2335	56.5	19	14
Jackson	28	10	105	35.7	0	0
RUSHING						
NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD	
George	276	1442	5.2	76	12	
Pearson	85	338	4.0	25	2	
Jackson, J.	45	202	4.5	17	3	
RECEIVING						
NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD	
Galloway	44	669	15.2	69	7	
Sanders	35	533	15.2	78	8	
Tillman	33	455	13.8	34	2	
Jones	18	254	14.1	43	0	
DEFENSIVE LEADERS						
TACKLES: Styles 132; Kerner 82; Powell 71; Finkes 71; Vrabel 68; Patillo 68; Bellisari 63; Springs 61; Paul 56.						
INTERCEPTIONS: Bellisari 3; Patillo 3; Gwinn 2; Kerner 2.						
QB SACKS: Vrabel 12; Finkes 11; Powell 3; Fickell 2; Brown 2; Bonhaus 2; Bellisari 1; Springs 1; Paul 1.						
TACKLES FOR LOSS: Finkes 20; Vrabel 20; Styles 10; Powell 8; Brown 6; Bonhaus 6; Fickell 5; Miller 5; Bellisari 4.						

'95 SCHEDULE

Aug. 27	BOSTON COLLEGE*
Sept. 16	WASHINGTON
Sept. 23	at Pittsburgh
Sept. 30	NOTRE DAME
Oct. 7	at Penn State
Oct. 14	at Wisconsin
Oct. 21	PURDUE
Oct. 28	IOWA
Nov. 4	at Minnesota
Nov. 11	ILLINOIS
Nov. 18	INDIANA
Nov. 25	at Michigan
*Kickoff Classic (East Rutherford, NJ)	



TACKLE ORLANDO PACE WAS THE BIG TEN'S FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR IN 1994.

PHOTO BY BOB ROSATO

Few Ohio State fans need be convinced Harris' philosophies work.

Back in 1980, he was the offensive coordinator at Illinois when Dave Wilson came into Ohio Stadium and passed for an NCAA-record 621 yards.

Getting the numbers up that high isn't likely, given George's value to the OSU running game and the losses suffered via the graduation of starting wide receivers Joey Galloway and Chris Sanders.

Galloway caught 91 passes the past two seasons, and Sanders led the team with eight receiving touchdowns last year.

Stobart must replace them with a young cast headed by junior Buster Tillman, whose 33 catches trailed Galloway's 44 and Sanders' 35 in 1994.

"I feel like it's my time to be the main focus, as far as catching the ball in this offense," Tillman said. "I think I can have the kind of year Joey had if the coaches have the confidence to get me the ball. I think I showed last year I have the capability to do something after I make the catch and turn a short pass into a long gain."

Giving up those long gains is Smith's concern with his new pupils in

the secondary.

Sophomore Shawn Springs is the only returning starter in the Buckeyes' defensive backfield, and while he was outstanding in his rookie year, OSU needs some more young players to come through this season.

"We need three or four defensive backs to really come through for us," defensive coordinator Bill Young said. "That and linebacker are our two biggest concerns."

Linebacker wouldn't be a worry had Styles and Powell, or simply either one, returned for their senior year.

But when both said yes to the lure of the NFL, Ohio State was left with a sizable hole at what figured to be its strongest position on the defensive side.

"Those two guys leaving early really hurt us at that spot," Cooper said. "We lost them unexpectedly and sort of late, too. That puts us between a rock and a hard place. We just don't have a lot of depth at that position."

Outside linebacker Greg Bellisari moves into Styles' spot in the middle, which has been manned by the Buckeyes' leading tackler every year but one since the school

began keeping tackling statistics in 1971.

"That kind of pressure comes with the territory," said Bellisari, who played middle linebacker in high school. "For me, it's fun knowing that guys like Tom Cousineau, Chris Spielman and Marcus Marek have played there. It's a hard position to play, but it's rewarding."

Bellisari showed his ability for the big play last season with an interception return for a touchdown that broke open OSU's 23-7 victory at Michigan State.

Maybe that's why he refuses to accept the possibility that Styles' and Powell's loss, along with the departure of three starters in the secondary, could mean an increase in the 16.2 points per-game OSU allowed last year.

That figure ranked second in the Big Ten and 10th in the country.

So even though the OSU offense watched two of its members become NFL first-rounders in April (Galloway and Stringer), the holes to fill on defense are even more significant.

Powell (first round), Styles, cornerback Marlon Kerner (third), linebacker Preston Harrison (third) and safety Tito Paul (fifth)

BUCKEYES SPRING ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
9	Steve Baird	QB	Fr.	6-1	190	Hilliard	8	Stanley Jackson	QB	So.	6-1	198	Paterson, NJ
61	Matt Baker	MLB	So.	6-1	220	Louisville	81	Matt Jacobs	FL	Jr.	6-1	200	Amherst
16	Dave Becker	OLB	Fr.	6-0	210	Cincinnati	44	Josh Jenkins	FB	Jr.	6-1	220	Lorain
95	Jim Bell	DE	So.	6-5	251	Youngstown	52	Kevin Johnson	LB	Jr.	6-0	220	Athens, GA
30	Greg Bellisari	LB	Jr.	6-1	230	Boca Raton, FL	89	D.J. Jones	TE	Sr.	6-4	250	Lebanon
70	Matt Bonhaus	DT	Sr.	6-5	285	Cincinnati	59	Robert Kasperek	OT	Fr.	6-3	314	Highland Park, IL
18	Che Bryant	FS	Fr.	6-1	180	Canton	34	Rob Kelly	SS	Jr.	6-2	200	Newark
67	Brooks Burris	OT	Fr.	6-6	286	Logan	19	Heath Knisley	SS	Jr.	6-3	180	New Philadelphia
39	Matt Calhoun	FB	Jr.	6-0	237	Heath	62	Jason Kozar	C	Fr.	6-0	270	Amherst
1	DeWayne Carter	SE	Sr.	6-1	192	Youngstown	76	Dean Kruezer	C	Jr.	6-2	240	Columbus
62	Shane Clark	NG	Jr.	6-2	268	Chillicothe	74	Greg Kuszmaul	OG	Sr.	6-4	294	Warren
5	Dan Colson	FS	Jr.	6-0	190	Middletown	82	Max Langenkamp	TE	Jr.	6-3	253	Cincinnati
55	Will Connery	MLB	Sr.	6-1	235	Vandalia	28	Jason Louis	SS	Sr.	6-1	192	Lanham, MD
63	Jason Cook	LB	Jr.	6-2	220	Marysville	85	John Lumpkin	TE	Fr.	6-9	250	Dayton
57	LeShun Daniels	OG	Jr.	6-2	280	Warren	38	Mike Mallatt	K	So.	6-3	210	Dublin
87	Robbie Davis	FL	Sr.	6-0	174	Twinsburg	20	Central McClellion	CB	Fr.	5-11	185	Delray Beach, FL
97	John Day	DE	So.	6-3	245	Independence	15	Dee Miller	SE	Fr.	6-1	200	Springfield
41	Patrick Doyle	K	Fr.	6-0	185	Miamisburg	43	Ryan Miller	OLB	Jr.	6-2	217	Allen Park, MI
80	Rickey Dudley	TE	Sr.	6-7	240	Henderson, TX	13	Damon Moore	SS	Fr.	5-11	195	Fostoria
24	Carmie Elmore	FB	So.	6-2	208	Smithtown	77	Eric Moss	OT	So.	6-4	310	Charleston, WV
99	Luke Fickell	NG	Jr.	6-4	260	Westerville	75	Orlando Pace	OT	So.	6-5	320	Sandusky
92	Matt Finkes	DE	Jr.	6-2	258	Piqua	29	Pepe Pearson	TB	So.	5-10	175	Euclid
68	Winfield Garnett	DT	So.	6-5	310	Riverdale, IL	65	Juan Porter	C	Jr.	6-4	285	Cleveland
27	Eddie George	TB	Sr.	6-3	230	Philadelphia, PA	58	James Ross	DE	So.	6-4	226	Detroit, MI
66	Dan Gibbons	NG	Fr.	6-4	300	Farmington Hills, MI	35	Jerry Rudzinski	OLB	Fr.	6-1	212	Centerville
83	Terry Glenn	FL	Jr.	5-11	180	Columbus	98	Alonzo Shavers	SE	Sr.	6-0	170	Columbus
50	Eric Gohltin	OT	So.	6-3	300	Cleveland	98	Marcus Spriggs	NG	Fr.	6-4	295	Washington, DC
42	Kevin Griffin	CB	Fr.	5-10	173	Redmond, WA	24	Shawn Springs	CB	So.	5-11	181	Silver Spring, MD
26	Anthony Gwinn	FS	Jr.	6-0	189	Columbus	3	Dimitrios Stanley	FL	Jr.	5-10	181	Worthington
60	Ray Harris	OG	So.	6-3	320	Massillon	32	Obie Stillwell	OLB	Jr.	6-0	213	Mansfield
16	Andre Hatcher	TB	So.	5-10	196	Silver Spring, MD	54	Brian Staughton	DE	Sr.	6-2	240	London
97	Brian Heinen	FL	So.	6-2	200	Louisville, KY	37	Nicky Sualua	FB	So.	5-11	245	Santa Ana, CA
88	Bob Houser	TE	Jr.	6-4	240	Westlake	72	Jamie Sumner	OG	Sr.	6-4	290	Wichita, KS
2	Ty Howard	CB	Jr.	5-9	174	Columbus	12	Buster Tillman	SE	Jr.	6-1	185	Stuebenville
14	Bobby Hoying	QB	Sr.	6-4	222	St. Henry	94	Mike Vrabel	DE	Jr.	6-4	260	Stow
10	Tom Hoying	QB	So.	6-4	221	St. Henry	79	Larry Waldon	OT	So.	6-6	320	Detroit, MI
61	Kevin Hyme	C	Jr.	6-4	298	Columbus	46	Marc Willis	FB	Jr.	6-3	210	Phoenix, AZ
93	Rick Huntzinger	DE	Jr.	6-2	238	Columbus	91	Jeff Wilson	DE	Fr.	6-3	235	Deerfield Bch, FL
25	Jermion Jackson	TB	So.	5-11	180	Ironton							
4	Josh Jackson	K	Jr.	5-11	162	Logan							

Roster and depth chart subject to change.

OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
14	Bobby Hoying*	Senior
8	Stanley Jackson	Sophomore
NUMBER	FULLBACK	YEAR
37	Nicky Sualua*	Sophomore
39	Matt Calhoun	Junior
NUMBER	RUNNING BACK	YEAR
27	Eddie George	Senior
29	Pepe Pearson	Sophomore
NUMBER	FLANKER	YEAR
83	Terry Glenn*	Junior
3	Dimitrios Stanley	Junior
NUMBER	SPILT END	YEAR
12	Buster Tillman	Junior
15	Dee Miller	Freshman
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
80	Rickey Dudley	Senior
85	John Lumpkin	Freshman
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
75	Orlando Pace*	Sophomore
67	Brooks Burris	Freshman
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
72	Jamie Sumner*	Senior
60	Ray Harris	Sophomore
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
65	Juan Porter*	Junior
61	Kevin Hyme	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
57	LeShun Daniels*	Junior
74	Greg Kuszmaul*	Senior
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
50	Eric Gohltin*	Sophomore
79	Larry Waldon	Sophomore

*Returning Starter

DEFENSE

NUMBER	DEFENSIVE END	YEAR
94	Mike Vrabel*	Junior
91	Jeff Wilson	Freshman
NUMBER	DEFENSIVE TACKLE	YEAR
70	Matt Bonhaus*	Senior
68	Winfield Garnett	Sophomore
NUMBER	NOSE TACKLE	YEAR
99	Luke Fickell*	Junior
62	Shane Clark	Junior
NUMBER	DEFENSIVE END	YEAR
92	Matt Finkes*	Junior
97	John Day	Sophomore
NUMBER	STRONG LINEBACKER	YEAR
35	Jerry Rudzinski	Freshman
52	Kevin Johnson	Junior
NUMBER	MIDDLE LINEBACKER	YEAR
30	Greg Bellisari*	Junior
55	Will Connery	Senior
NUMBER	WEAK LINEBACKER	YEAR
43	Ryan Miller	Junior
16	Dave Becker	Freshman
NUMBER	LEFT CORNERBACK	YEAR
2	Ty Howard	Junior
20	Central McClellion	Freshman
NUMBER	RIGHT CORNERBACK	YEAR
24	Shawn Springs*	Sophomore
42	Kevin Griffin	Freshman
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
34	Rob Kelly	Junior
13	Damon Moore	Freshman
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
26	Anthony Gwinn	Junior
18	Che Bryant	Freshman

—Bruce Hooley

SPRING UPDATE

Most coaches avoid a 12th regular season game for fear it will add too much length to the season, but Ohio State's appearance in the Aug. 27 Kickoff Classic against Boston College will mark the second straight season it plays 12 games before a bowl.

The Buckeyes defeated Fresno State, 34-10, in the Pigskin Classic last year.

The additional game this year may do more than prepare OSU for the Big Ten games to follow. It may also help John Cooper gain an additional year on his contract.

One of the provisions of Cooper's new five-year deal adds an additional season should he win nine games, including a victory over Michigan.

With OSU scheduled to play Washington and Notre Dame, and then open the Big Ten on the road at Wisconsin and Penn State, it's not

hard to imagine Cooper needing that extra game to get to nine victories.

◆ OSU sophomore Kevin Griffin is the nephew of two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin, but it turns out he may be more like his uncle Ray than his uncle Archie. That's because Kevin switched from tailback to defensive back in the spring, just like Archie's younger brother, Ray, did in the mid-1970s.

◆ If the move works out the same way, Ohio State will be thrilled. Ray Griffin wound up as an All-American defensive back and his much-celebrated interception set up the winning touchdown in the 1975 Michigan game.

◆ OSU coaches still weren't able to come up with a backup quarterback to Bob Hoying at spring's end. Hoying's brother, Tom, and fellow-redshirt sophomore Stanley Jackson are the top candidates entering the fall.

all were good enough to be drafted by the end of the fifth round.

"Yes, we suffered some significant losses with the people who are no longer here. But we have talented young players here who we can plug into that same system and have success with," Bellisari said.

"We're not going into this year thinking we're going to try and keep the game close so our offense can win it. That doesn't even enter into our outlook at all.

"Our trademark has always been hustle and aggressiveness. That's not going to change, no matter who's playing."

Not up front, at least as long as defensive ends Mike Vrabel and Matt Finkes are around.

Those two started last season as question marks because of their inexperience and size, but turned into the best pair of defensive ends OSU has had in at least two decades.

Finkes, a third-team All-American, had 11 sacks and nine other tackles behind the line. Vrabel, an honorable mention All-American, grabbed the school's single-season sack record away from Finkes in the Citrus Bowl by finishing with 12.

He also had nine other tackles for a loss, and joined Finkes in being named first-team All-Big Ten.

"I don't know if there's a faster pair of defensive ends in the country," Cooper said. "I doubt if there's a better pair, and I know there isn't anyone else I'd rather have out there."

Noseguard Luke Fickell, whose interception set up the clinching touchdown in the win over Michigan, and defensive tackle Matt Bonhaus are back to give OSU the same defensive line it started at the end of last year.

Bonhaus is playing his sixth season of football after receiving an NCAA waiver for missing one year due to a sleep disorder.

Cooper may well have some fitful nights of his own when he ponders the Buckeyes' early-season schedule, which starts with an Aug. 27 game against Boston College in the Kickoff Classic.

Ohio State added that game to help it prepare for games against Washington

and Notre Dame at home and Pittsburgh, Penn State and Wisconsin on the road.

"We're playing the Kickoff Classic because we were scheduled to open the season Sept. 16 (against Washington)," Cooper said. "That means we would have

Classic in Anaheim, Calif., and handled Fresno State, 34-10. Twelve days later, they lost at Washington before winning eight of their last 10 regular-season games.

It was the last of those games — a 22-6 victory over Michigan — that proved to be most significant in the big picture of Ohio State football.

Ripped for going 0-5-1 against the Wolverines his first six seasons, Cooper finally freed himself from that albatross with a 22-6 victory in Ohio Stadium.

Proof of the long-lasting impact and importance of defeating the Wolverines came almost immediately, for athletic director Andy Geiger responded to LSU interviewing Cooper for its coaching vacancy by awarding him a new five-year deal. Geiger originally played hardball, offering only a two-year deal, but then came through with most everything the oft-embattled Cooper wanted, including:

- A \$7,000 pay raise to \$130,000 annually;
- An improved package that adds Cooper's TV and radio income into a university buyout should he be fired;
- A rollover provision that adds one additional year to his contract each season he achieves a national championship, a Rose Bowl berth, a Top 10 finish in either the Associated Press or CNN-USA Today poll, or a nine-win season, provided it includes a win over Michigan.

"We differed on a bunch of things, including length of contract," Geiger said. "That's clear. I'm not always the first

guy to jump up with a long-term contract. I try to find a way for there to be continuity and security, but at the same time I wanted there to be a sense of urgency."

That means Ohio State's administration and its legion of football fans want to make their first Rose Bowl berth since the 1984 season and they want it, not just now, but right now.

"Nobody wants to go to the Rose Bowl more than I do," said Cooper, who probably wouldn't be the Ohio State coach had he not beaten Michigan in the Rose Bowl while at Arizona State in 1986.

—Bruce Hooley



BOBBY HOYLE COMPLETED 56.5 PERCENT OF HIS PASSES LAST YEAR AND THREW FOR THE SECOND-MOST YARDS (2,335) AND THE MOST TOUCHDOWNS (19) IN A SINGLE SEASON EVER AT OSU.

PHOTO BY DAVID L. GREENE

had two weeks less practice time than the teams we were playing, because Washington opens Sept. 2. This gives us more practice time than anybody we play."

The Buckeyes have a ridiculous 20-day layoff between the BC game at The Meadowlands and the first regularly scheduled game against the Huskies.

For Ohio State, the road to the Rose Bowl is very much that: It must play at Penn State, at Michigan and at Wisconsin.

It's the second year in a row that the Buckeyes have added a "preseason" game to their 11-game schedule. Last season, they participated in the Disneyland Pigskin



Happy Valley Lies In Wait For OSU & Michigan

As the Big Ten Conference celebrates its centennial in 1995-96, it also may observe one of the most competitive football races in the league's illustrious history.

Call it parity, call it too close to call, call it even-steven ... the conference race in '95 appears to be wide open.

More than ever, injuries and breaks in the schedule may determine which Big Ten team travels to Pasadena to play in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

Defending champion Penn State has one of the nation's best offensive lines and group of wide receivers, but the Nittany Lions must break in a new quarterback, replace the nation's fourth-leading rusher, Ki-Jana Carter, who opted to turn pro early, and have some questions that need answering on defense.

Ohio State, runner-up a year ago, must replace three outstanding players who also turned pro early — offensive tackle Korey Stringer and linebackers Lorenzo Styles and Craig Powell. But the Buckeyes do have steady Bobby Hoying returning at quarterback, a potentially outstanding group of running backs and a very good offensive line.

Michigan, third in '94 and slipping to 8-4 overall, could be a mirror image of Penn State this season. The Wolverines also have one of the country's best offensive lines and receiving corps, but they also must break in a new quarterback, and they have only five returning starters on defense.

Wisconsin, after a two-year run that produced a Big Ten co-championship, and victories in the Rose Bowl and Hall of Fame Bowl, must replace 13 starters.

Illinois, after welcoming back all 11 defensive starters last season, now must replace six top players from that unit, including Butkus Award-winning linebacker Dana Howard.

Michigan State must get used to a new head coach, Nick Saban, and new coaching staff.

Iowa must rebound from three consecutive off years.

Indiana's offense figures to be potent, but the Hoosiers need to replace three starting linebackers on defense.

Purdue's situation is similar, as the Boilermakers once again should be strong offensively, but they need to bolster a defense that was 105th out of 107 Division I-A teams a year ago.

Northwestern, with 15 starters returning, hopes to make progress in coach Gary Barnett's fourth season, while Minnesota needs to show it has more than outstanding tailback Chris Darkins.

When in doubt, stick with the defending champion. Especially when that team is traditional power Penn State and the coach is Joe Paterno.

And even though Paterno loses three All-Americans on offense — tailback Carter, quarterback Kerry Collins and tight end Kyle Brady — as well as all-league center Bucky Greeley, and has only four starters returning on defense, the Nittany Lions figure to make a run at their second consecutive Big Ten title. That would be two in only three years in the league.

The key for Penn State will be the play at quarterback, where junior Wally Richardson figures to step in for Collins, and the rebuilding of the defense. As an understudy, Richardson has completed 40 of 78 career passes, with no interceptions.

The rest of the offense appears loaded. Yes, even with the loss of Carter. Backup Mike Archie has shown flashes of brilliance and could make a name for himself this season. Tailbacks Archie, Stephen Pitts and Ambrose Fletcher (who combined to rush for 609 yards and six touchdowns last year), plus one of the top fullback combinations in the country with Jon Witman and Brian Milne, will be operating behind a very strong offensive line.

Last year the line allowed only five quarterback sacks, and four starters return in '95, led by senior guard Jeff Hartings, a first-team All-American in '94 and an Outland Trophy candidate this year. The other returning starters up front are guard Marco Rivera, a second-team All-Big Ten pick, and tackles Keith Conlin and Andre Johnson.

Operating behind that line, Richardson will be throwing to the nation's top receiving duo, Bobby Engram and Freddie Scott. Last year, All-American Engram caught 52 passes and became the first Nittany Lion wideout to gain more than 1,000 yards. Scott had 47 receptions and missed becoming the second 1,000-yard receiver by just 27 yards.

Defensive end Todd Atkins, a second-team all-conference selection, and cornerback Brian Miller, a first-team pick by the league's media, are the only two defensive returnees that started every game last season. The other returning starters are both in the secondary, safeties Cliff Dingle and Clint Holes.

The schedule is a major ally for the Nittany Lions. Unlike their first two seasons in the Big Ten, they don't have to play Michigan and Ohio State back-to-back. In fact, Penn State gets to play the Wolverines and Buckeyes both in Happy Valley, which, once again could be an appropriate name for the Nittany

Lions, as they make another run for the roses.

The personnel losses (starting with three first-round draft picks) would appear to be insurmountable at Ohio State, except that coach John Cooper still welcomes back 15 starters, including nine on offense.

One advantage he has over two teams figured to battle the Buckeyes for the title, Penn State and Michigan, is a proven quarterback.

Hoying, a three-year starter, while not spectacular, completed 56 percent of his passes last year and threw for 19 TDs, which tied a school record and was the second most in the league. His 2,335 yards passing is second best in Ohio State history. He needs to cut down on his 14 interceptions.

The strength of the OSU offense figures to be All-American Eddie George running behind one of the league's top lines. Even with Stringer's loss, the Buckeyes return four starters up front, led by tackle Orlando Pace, Big Ten Freshman of the Year in '94, and center Juan Porter.

George rushed for 1,442 yards last season, and the Buckeyes also return Pepe Pearson, Jermon Jackson and fullback Nicky Sualua, who combined to gain 720 yards a year ago.

The defense could be surprisingly strong, anchored by two All-Big Ten defensive ends, Matt Finkes and Mike Vrabel; Luke Fickell, a three-year starter at middle guard; Greg Bellisari at linebacker; and Shawn Springs, an All-American candidate at cornerback.

The Buckeyes open the Big Ten season at Penn State and close it at Michigan. The key to their title hopes could be their first two league games. After a big non-conference battle against Notre Dame, they play at Penn State and at Wisconsin.

The situation at Michigan is eerily similar to the one at Penn State — the Wolverines must break in a new QB, they have a potential star ready to take over at tailback, and they have an outstanding receiving corps and offensive line. And, even with starters returning, they have some big holes to fill on defense.

Like Penn State, the Wolverines must replace a Collins at quarterback, Todd Collins. He was second to Kerry in the league, and ninth in the nation, in passing efficiency, completing 65 percent of his passes for

LINDY'S 1995 ALL-BIG TEN TEAM

OFFENSE — FIRST TEAM

QB	Darrell Bevell	Wisconsin	6-2	197	Sr.
RB	Alex Smith	Indiana	6-0	202	So.
RB	Chris Darkins	Minnesota	6-1	215	Sr.
WR	Bobby Engram	Penn State	5-10	185	Sr.
WR	Amani Toomer	Michigan	6-4	194	Sr.
TE	Jay Riemersma	Michigan	6-6	252	Sr.
OL	Jeff Hartings	Penn State	6-3	278	Sr.
OL	Joe Marinaro	Michigan	6-4	290	Sr.
OL	Casey Wiegmann	Iowa	6-2	285	Sr.
OL	Orlando Pace	Ohio State	6-5	320	So.
OL	Jerry Wunsch	Wisconsin	6-6	315	Jr.
PK	Remy Hamilton	Michigan	6-0	196	Jr.

DEFENSE — FIRST TEAM

DL	Matt Finkes	Ohio State	6-2	258	Jr.
DL	Trent Zenkewicz	Michigan	6-6	270	Sr.
DL	Jason Horn	Michigan	6-5	277	Sr.
DL	Mike Vrabel	Ohio State	6-4	260	Jr.
LB	Simeon Rice	Illinois	6-5	245	Sr.
LB	Eric Unverzagt	Wisconsin	6-2	235	Sr.
LB	Kevin Hardy	Illinois	6-4	240	Sr.
DB	Brian Miller	Penn State	5-9	178	Jr.
DB	Demetrice Martin	Michigan State	5-9	180	Sr.
DB	Antwaine Patton	Illinois	5-11	197	Sr.
DB	Shawn Springs	Ohio State	5-11	181	So.
P	Paul Burton	Northwestern	5-11	184	Sr.

OFFENSE — SECOND TEAM

QB	Bobby Hoying	Ohio State	6-4	222	Sr.
RB	Mike Altstott	Purdue	6-1	240	Sr.
RB	Eddie George	Ohio State	6-3	230	Sr.
WR	Freddie Scott	Penn State	6-0	186	Jr.
WR	Mercury Hayes	Michigan	5-11	195	Sr.
TE	D.J. Jones	Ohio State	6-4	250	Sr.
OL	Marco Rivera	Penn State	6-5	280	Sr.
OL	Jon Runyan	Michigan	6-8	299	Jr.
OL	Juan Porter	Ohio State	6-4	285	Jr.
OL	Matt Purdy	Iowa	6-2	270	Sr.
OL	LeShun Daniels	Ohio State	6-2	280	Jr.
PK	Mike Chaberg	Minnesota	5-11	170	Sr.

DEFENSE — SECOND TEAM

DL	Todd Atkins	Penn State	6-3	247	Sr.
DL	Jason Manlecki	Wisconsin	6-5	290	Sr.
DL	Chris Webb	Iowa	6-4	273	Sr.
DL	Jon Krick	Purdue	6-2	287	Jr.
LB	Pete Monty	Wisconsin	6-2	231	Jr.
LB	Danny Sutter	Northwestern	6-2	225	Sr.
LB	Bobby Diaco	Iowa	6-2	228	Sr.
DB	William Bennett	Northwestern	6-1	190	Sr.
DB	Eric Smedley	Indiana	5-11	195	Sr.
DB	Clarence Thompson	Michigan	6-1	190	Jr.
DB	Chuck Winters	Michigan	6-0	192	Jr.
P	Rob Delgnan	Purdue	6-4	217	Sr.

2,518 yards and 13 touchdowns. Highly regarded redshirt freshman Scott Dreisbach figures to be his replacement.

Making things a little easier for Dreisbach will be an offensive line with four starters back. The only loss up front is Trezelle Jenkins, who skipped his senior year to turn pro. But the four returnees are all candidates for postseason honors, guards Joe Marinaro and Jon Runyan, center Rod Payne and tackle Thomas Guynes.

Michigan's receiving corps, wide-outs Amani Toomer and Mercury Hayes, and tight end Jay Riemersma, is among the best in the nation. Toomer and Hayes are both four-year starters. Last year Toomer had 54 catches for a school-record 1,096 yards and Hayes had 36 receptions for 589 yards.

Star tailback Wheatley may be gone (like Penn State's Carter, as a first-round draft pick), but as usual Michigan is anything but hurting at that spot. Ready to move up are Tshimanga Biakabutuka and Ed Davis. Even with Wheatley rushing for 1,144 yards in an injury-plagued senior season last year, Biakabutuka (783) and Davis (339) combined to top 1,000 yards.

Biakabutuka's 6.2-yard average per carry was tops among Michigan backs who saw regular duty.

Defensively, the Wolverines lost All-American cornerback Ty Law, who also turned pro early, and four other key performers; but returning are all-league tackles Jason Horn

and Trent Zenkewicz, linebacker Jarrett Irons, and safeties Chuck Winters and Clarence Thompson.

The Wolverines have to play at Illinois in the second game of the season, and they end with three tough games in their final four, at state rival Michigan State, at Penn State and versus Ohio State.

Those are the serious contenders. But as Wisconsin illustrated just two years ago, it only takes a few wins to become a serious contender. The Badgers and Illinois could have the stuff to get on that kind of a run.

But when in doubt, go with the defending champion. Go with Penn State's talent. Go with Joe Paterno. And go with Penn State's schedule.

— Tom Kubat

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1. PENN STATE
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3. MICHIGAN
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5. ILLINOIS
6. INDIANA
7. IOWA
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9. PURDUE
10. NORTHWESTERN
11. MINNESOTA

No longer a newcomer, Nittany Lions continue to roll. Cooper's program seems to finally have arrived. Keys are QB play and fixing "soft" defense of a year ago. Badgers won't slip as much as some people think. Slowly, Lou Tepper seems to be building a solid program. If Hoosiers find some LBs, this team could arrive. Three-year mark is 16-18-1; this program has seen better days. Must rebuild both lines ... that's not good in Big Ten. Defense may have too far to come against a brutal schedule. Wildcats have enough returnees to stay out of the basement. Not enough to go with Darkins to expect great improvement.



Paterno's Ultra-stable Stable Of Assistants

Penn State Coaches Stick To Happy Valley Life

They came. They saw. They stayed.

And unless the perfect situation comes along, Jerry Sandusky, Fran Ganter, Dick Anderson and Tom Bradley say they have no plans to leave Penn State's coaching staff.

And they have shown that with their career decisions.

Among the four of them, they have 85 years of coaching experience under Joe Paterno. That's more field time than some entire staffs, including the head coach.

And it's not because they're stranded in Happy Valley.

Last December, Ganter turned down the head coaching job at Michigan State. Several years ago Sandusky had said yes when Temple beckoned, but changed his mind overnight.

Anderson did leave, taking the head job at Rutgers in 1983. But when he was let go in 1989, he returned to Penn State.

And as recently as last winter, Bradley turned down a defensive coordinator's job at a school he declined to identify.

So why are they still at Penn State when these other jobs with higher pay and greater responsibility have been there for the taking?

It's not the money. Although well-paid as assistants at a high-profile program, they could have made more if that's what they wanted.

It's not an ego thing. For the most part assistant coaches work in anonymity, although Sandusky might be the best-known assistant in the country.

It has been his work with linebackers that earned the school

the nickname "Linebacker U."

And it can't be the shoes. Those black coaching Nikes keep them one step ahead of the fashion police.

So what is it that keeps them so happy in Happy Valley? Why do they choose to stay in central Pennsylvania, working under the enormous shadow cast by Joe Paterno, when the bright lights and big cities have beckoned?

"This is a great place to coach," Sandusky explained succinctly.

That simple, huh?

Part of it has to do with loyalty. All four played at Penn State, graduated and hold master's degrees earned at the school.

Part of it is the place. They like the setting and the lifestyle of a small-town, big-school atmosphere.

But mostly, they say, it's the people. The people they work with, the people they coach, the people they encounter in day-to-day life.

It's each other. The irony is that each of them helps to create what they consider ideal circumstances for a coach to succeed, grow, and enjoy going to work each day.

Paterno, an extreme loyalist himself, knows how they feel. He felt the same way, spending 16 years as an assistant at Penn State before becoming the head coach. He knows the treasure that is mutual respect and two-way loyalty.

The need for assistants to feel valued and to gain some sense of ownership in their responsibilities.

He creates that atmosphere, and the staff thrives. And stays.

"Stability is one of the most important things you can build in a program," said Paterno, Mr. Stability himself.

Stability grows confidence, he said. And a staff full of stable, confident, successful coaches can lead to the kind of record that Paterno has established in his 29 years as Penn State head coach.

As Paterno said, "Here, they know what they have, and it's a pretty good life."

Another situation is going to have to be pretty attractive to yank a guy like Ganter out of his role as offensive coordinator at Happy Valley.

After Ganter turned down the Michigan State offer, center Bucky Greeley advanced this theory as to why:

"Franny's parents dropped him off here when he was a freshman. Then they moved and didn't tell him where. So he just stayed here."

To a considerable extent, it was his family that kept Ganter at Penn State; not only his wife and four sons, but the extended Penn State family.

"The guys here are family-oriented," he said. "They're interested in the community. And you can't find a better place to raise a family. That's a big part of why I didn't want to

leave. It's an awfully hard thing to pull up stakes and leave when you don't know what you're getting into. Especially when you know you have a great situation here. This is the type of program everyone wants to be attached to."

Ganter, who has never coached anywhere else, gets his perspective from those who have worked elsewhere.

"We have had guys who have come in here from other programs and they tell us how unique it is here," he said.

"They tell us we don't know how good we have it that we are able to not recruit a great athlete because of character or academics. They had been places where they didn't want to do that but they had to so they could win a couple more games and not get fired. They really praise the type of kids we have here."

"We've had graduate assistants here who had been at other major programs and they are amazed at what we think is a problem. They'll say, 'You think that's bad?' and then they'll tell us what's going on at other places."

What would it take for Ganter to go to another place after spending 24 years at Penn State?

"I really don't know," he said. "I'll know when I get that feeling in my heart. I didn't

get that at Michigan State."

Anderson thought he had it at Rutgers. A New Jersey native, he went home to the challenge of upgrading the Rutgers program to the point where it could compete with the Penn States, the Pitts and the other Division 1-A programs in the East.

And in 1988 he did deliver one of the biggest wins in the school's history when Rutgers beat Penn State in Beaver Stadium.

But the Scarlet Knights could not sustain that level of success and after the 1989 season Anderson's contract was not renewed. When Paterno offered him a chance to go back to Penn State, he happily accepted. He returned to his old post as the offensive line coach, but for the past two years has worked with the quarterbacks. He's spent 18 years as an assistant under Paterno.

"I had my sabbatical," he said. "I think I finally realized what kind of a situation it really was here. A lot of other coaches don't understand what it's like to be in a community like this. When you talk about it they envy it."

"And they envy the way the program is run, what the expectations are, what we will accept in terms of dealing with the student-athlete, what you want them to get out of their years here. And not just in

football, although that is important to all of us — we expect to win."

Anderson's experience at Rutgers has not soured him on the idea of becoming a head coach again. But the situation would have to be right for him to give up his spot at Penn State.

"I'd like to be a head coach again but I'm not preoccupied with it," he said. "If the right situation presented itself — if it was a major institution that had a good chance to win — I wouldn't hesitate. I liked being a head coach. I got a lot of enjoyment out of it."

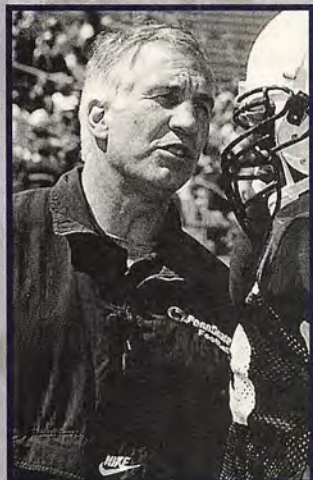
"I have had opportunities to leave, but not as a head coach."

Being an assistant coach in another program does not appeal to him.

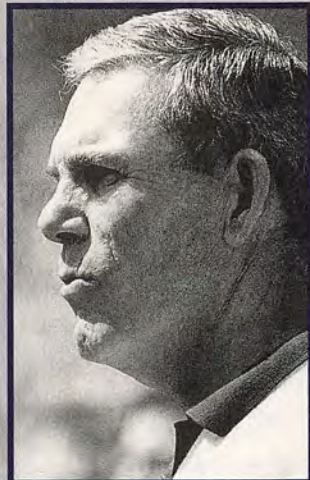
"People who were born here, lived here and worked here for a long time may take this place for granted," he said. "But once you've been exposed to other places you appreciate Penn State more and more."

Sandusky was all set to leave Penn State when Temple made its offer. All he had to do was close the door and lock it and he was gone. But at the last minute he couldn't turn the key. He just finished his 27th year with the Lions.

"The people who have been involved here as a student, a player or a coach are the ones who seem to stay the



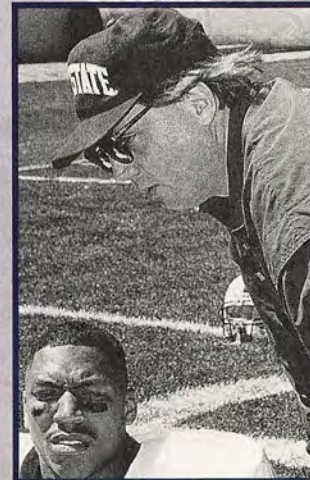
JERRY SANDUSKY



DICK ANDERSON



TOM BRADLEY



FRAN GANTER

longest," he said. "The deeper your roots are, the harder it is to leave."

Sandusky left briefly after his playing career ended in 1966. He coached for one year at Juniata College in nearby Huntingdon and another at Boston University. Then he came home.

"This is a great place to coach," he said, "not only because of the type of young people you're able to work with but the student body in general. They're the kind of people you want to be around."

One of those people was Sandusky's son, E.J., who played for the Nittany Lions and is now pursuing a coaching career. He spent last season as a graduate assistant coach at North Carolina.

"I told him he had a totally different perspective of the coaching profession than what really exists," Sandusky said. "This is probably the most stable situation around in terms of turnover among coaches. Maybe Nebraska would be comparable. But in other places coaches are moving every other year. People are envious of the stability we have."

There can be a downside to that, however. Staying in the same place for a long time doing the same things with the same people can lead to stagnation. And that can lead to losses.

"That's a possibility," Sandusky admitted. "The biggest problem is whether or not you can maintain enthusiasm over a long period of time. But the exciting thing about college football is there is such a turnover (among players) and that makes it different. Every year you're looking at different faces and have different goals."

Would Sandusky go somewhere where not only the faces but the place was totally different?

"That's hard to say," he said. "Nothing could get me to leave if it didn't feel right. That's difficult to answer. Someday I still might do it."

"I would be intrigued to start something at the ground level. That would be fun."

That's pretty much what Craig Cirbus is doing at the University of Buffalo, which has struggled in recent years. Cirbus is a Buffalo native who started his college coaching career with the Bulls in 1982.

He returned to Buffalo as head coach in the spring, and was replaced on the Penn State staff by former James Madison assistant Jay Paterno (Joe's son).

Cirbus became only the 20th coach to leave Joe's staff, for what ever reason, in 30 years. Bradley, like the others, says he'll stay until he feels it's time to leave. The only bachelor among the four,

Replacing A Legend Won't Be Easy

It'll be a tough job, but someone will have to do it. And there will be no shortage of applicants when Joe Paterno finally rolls down his pants cuffs and announces his career is finished.

That will be his call. And the 68-year-old legend has repeatedly said he plans to coach another four or five years, provided his health will allow it.

When he does pack it in he will also have some say in who takes over the program he lifted to a higher plane. It won't be the final say, but his recommendation will carry considerable weight.

For the past decade or more, speculation as to who will succeed him has fueled many a tailgate conversation. At the risk of sounding oxymoronic, the consensus is split.

For every fan who is sure it should be and will be Fran Ganter, there is another who is equally certain Jerry Sandusky is the man to step up.

Sandusky has the bigger national reputation, thanks to his role as defensive coordinator and his work in developing the long string of outstanding linebackers.

Ganter has the more diversified resume. He has been recruiting coordinator, freshman coach, running backs coach, kicking coach and offensive coordinator.

Each has turned down a head coaching position to stay at Penn State, presumably rolling the dice that when Joe goes, the call will come for them to stay as the successor.

If not them, then who?

Penn State's tradition has been to promote from within, to take care of its own. That's how Paterno got the job, taking over for Rip Engle in 1966 after 16 years as a Penn State assistant coach.

Following that notion, Dick Anderson and Tom Bradley are also viable candidates.

Anderson has head coaching experience, although there are some who say his five-year stay at Rutgers may have hurt his chances of succeeding Paterno.

Bradley is still relatively young (37) and has a more limited resume but is a highly effective recruiter.

And if Penn State goes outside the family, it might not be far.

Ron Dickerson, the former Lion assistant, has broadened his background since leaving Happy Valley. He went to Clemson to become the defensive coordinator there before taking over the Temple program. If he's able to get that program up and running, he will become an attractive candidate for a bigger job.

And there might not be a bigger job out there than following Paterno.

Accepted wisdom in the coaching ranks is that you never want to be the man to follow a legend.

But there will be no shortage of coaches out there ready and willing to roll up their pants and lead the Lions into the 21st century.

— Ron Bracken

Bradley finished his playing career in 1978 and, after a year as a graduate assistant, became a full-timer in 1980, giving him 15 years on the staff.

"Geez, I've cost Joe a few wins," he quipped, poking fun at his own longevity. "Without me he'd probably have about 285 wins by now."

Bradley's family ties to Penn State are tighter than most. His older brother, Jim, and younger brother, Matt, also played for the Nittany Lions.

Jim is an orthopedic surgeon in Pittsburgh. Matt sells real estate in State College. And Tom says he's happy coaching

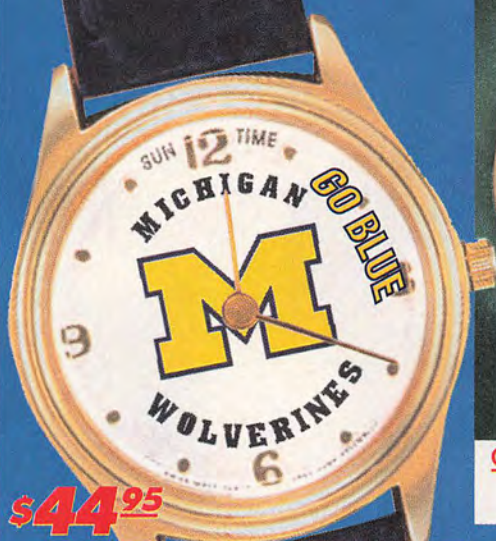
the outside linebackers and special teams at Penn State for who knows how long.

"It doesn't take a genius to see what kind of a place this is," he says. "You get attached to the guys you work with and with their families. There's a tremendous loyalty that builds up and it gets stronger every year. It's very odd that you have guys who stay in one place for 15, 16, 25 years."

"Maybe there's someplace better, I don't know. But I don't have any visions of leaving. I haven't set a timetable. If I don't ever leave, this is a pretty darned good place to be."

— Ron Bracken

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NITTANY LIONS

It Bugs Them Enough, So Please Don't Remind Them

One night in March, Jeff Hartings was watching Penn State's basketball team defeat Nebraska in an NIT tournament game.

When it was over one of the commentators observed that while the Nittany Lions had won this confrontation with the Cornhuskers, it was too bad they were not able to beat them in football.

And therein lies the rub.

Nearly three months after the final polls had declared unbeaten Nebraska No. 1 and unbeaten Penn State No. 2, there were still those who would not let the healing process begin for the Lions.

"How can we forget about it if others won't?" said Hartings, an All-American offensive guard. "Sooner or later we've got to get over it."

Bet on sooner.

Joe Paterno closed the book on the subject the day after the Rose Bowl. Next year had already started for him.

And when the Lions went into spring drills it wasn't with their eyes still glued to the rearview mirror. Paterno made sure of that.

"Joe does a great job of knowing what kind of squad he has, what it needs to get done and how to get it done," Hartings said.

So what kind of squad will Paterno have as he begins his 30th season as the Lion King?

For it to be better than last year's it will have to improve on perfection, and 12-0 is a pretty tough hand to trump.

But even though graduation and Ki-Jana Carter's decision to skip his final year of eligibility ripped some big holes in the Lion lineup, Paterno still has a couple of hole cards.

Start with Hartings and the other three starters who are coming back to an offensive line that was one of the two or

three best in the country. Guards Hartings and Marco Rivera, along with tackles Keith Conlin and Andre Johnson, figure to give new quarterback Wally Richardson a pocket deeper than Donald Trump's.

Hartings, who was an All-American both on the field and in the classroom, might have been able to dig into some NFL owner's pocket in the spring. Instead he opted to return for his fifth season and take another run at the Rose Bowl as well as a possible national title.

"The scouts don't waste a lot of time talking to junior offensive linemen," he said. "It was easy for them to predict how high Ki-Jana would go. The best opinion I had was that I would go in the third round. And that was an uneducated opinion. So I figured it was in my best interest to come back and get bigger and stronger. Maybe I'll go in the first or second round next year and make a little more money."

Hartings is not the only All-American returning to the offense.

Wide receiver Bobby Engram, who won the inaugural Fred Biletnikoff Award

PENN STATE AT A GLANCE

1994: 12-0 overall, 8-0/1st
THE '90s: 49-12 overall, 3-2 bowls
LAST LEAGUE TITLE: 1994

COACH: Joe Paterno
At PSU: 269-69-3, 29 years
Overall: 269-69-3, 29 years

PLAYERS TO WATCH: DE Todd Atkins, WR Bobby Engram, OG Jeff Hartings, CB Brian Miller, WR Freddie Scott.

OVERVIEW: In his 30th season as Penn State head coach, Paterno has developed an "instant-reload" switch that he will flip before the season begins. He'll find seven new starters for the defense that way, as well as replacing All-Americans at quarterback and tailback.

as the nation's outstanding receiver, is also back. And he's teamed with junior Freddie Scott to give the Lions arguably the finest set of wideouts in the country. Between them they had 99 catches for more than 2,000 yards and 16 touchdowns last season.

"They are bound to help Wally," Paterno said. "They are both real students of the game. They are amazing kids. They can look at a cornerback, how he's playing them and make suggestions (on plays to call). They are very astute players, very mature."

And very good. Which is fortunate for the Lions because the other pass-receiving spot is unproven. Keith Olsommer emerged as a solid backup to tight end Kyle Brady, another departed All-American, and even caught a touchdown pass in the win over Michigan. But it was one of only three receptions he made all year. And the tight ends behind him have yet to catch a pass.

At 6-4 and 245 pounds, Olsommer may not be as devastating a blocker as Brady, but Paterno expects him to be more than adequate.

"We have high hopes he'll be good," Paterno said. "He catches the ball well enough and he's got poise. He'll be a good blocking tight end, but whether he'll be as extraordinary as Brady was is debatable."

There is no debate at quarterback. Richardson is the clear cut successor to Kerry Collins, another departed All-American. The only other scholarship quarterback on the roster is redshirt sophomore Mike McQueary, who saw minimal playing time in a mop-up role last year.

Richardson didn't see a whole lot more action than McQueary and when he did get into a game he was handcuffed by Paterno's edict not to throw the football against a beaten opponent.

But he has sat in the starter's seat. In 1992, as a true freshman, he was called out of the bullpen in the season-opener when starter John Sacca went down with a shoulder injury against Cincinnati.

WIDE RECEIVER BOBBY ENGRAM, WHO WON THE INAUGURAL FRED BILETNIKOFF AWARD AS THE NATION'S OUTSTANDING RECEIVER, IS BACK.

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NITTANY LIONS RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Askari ADAMS DB	6-0, 185	Camp Hill	Cumberland Valley
<i>SuperPrep</i> All-American, ranked No. 6 player in Pennsylvania ♦ Two-time All-State ♦ As a senior quarterback, completed 68 passes for 1,063 yards and four touchdowns ♦ Intercepted four passes ♦ Led team to state playoffs.			
Cuncho BROWN TE	6-6, 250	Winston-Salem, NC	Parkland
<i>Parade</i> All-American ♦ <i>SuperPrep</i> All-American, ranked No. 1 player in North Carolina ♦ <i>BlueChip Illustrated</i> Dream Team ♦ As a senior, had 32 catches for 342 yards and two touchdowns.			
Anthony CLEARY DE	6-4, 250	Chambersburg	Chambersburg
<i>USA Today</i> honorable mention All-American ♦ Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year ♦ All-State ♦ As a senior, had 80 tackles and 3.5 sacks ♦ As fullback, rushed for 512 yards and six touchdowns.			
Eric COLE DL	6-5, 295	Unionville	Unionville
All-County on offense and defense ♦ As a senior, had 87 tackles, blocked two punts and scored a defensive touchdown ♦ Helped team to district championship.			
Wes DAHLEM DB/WR	6-0, 175	Clearfield	Clearfield
Three-time All-District ♦ State's leading receiver as a senior, gaining 1,349 yards on 58 catches and scoring 19 touchdowns ♦ Honor roll student.			
Maurice DANIELS LB	6-2, 228	Annapdale, VA	Annapdale
<i>Gatorade</i> Player-of-the-Year in Virginia ♦ <i>SuperPrep</i> ranked No. 7 player in Virginia ♦ Two-time state Defensive Player-of-the-Year ♦ As a senior, was in on 127 tackles, caught seven fumbles, made 28 tackles for loss and had six sacks ♦ Helped team to two state titles.			
Curtis ENIS FB/LB	6-2, 225	Union City, OH	Saltzburg Kiski
Named Mr. Football for Ohio ♦ As a senior, rushed for 1,181 yards on just 118 carries and scored 19 touchdowns ♦ As middle linebacker, had 31 solo tackles and 61 assists.			
Chafie FIELDS RB/DB	6-1, 190	Philadelphia	Mastbaum
Played in only eight games as a senior due to injury, but gained 861 yards and scored 15 touchdowns ♦ Two-time All-Area ♦ Runs 4.37 in 40-yard dash.			
David FLEISCHAUER DL	6-5, 255	Clemmons, NC	West Forsyth
<i>SuperPrep</i> All-American, ranked No. 3 player in North Carolina ♦ <i>BlueChip Illustrated</i> All-American, rated No. 3 defensive lineman in ACC Region.			
Basim GRANT DL	6-5, 310	Brooklyn, NY	New Utrecht
As a senior, had 58 tackles, 18 sacks, eight forced fumbles and two fumbles recovered ♦ <i>SuperPrep</i> rated No. 16 player in New York.			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Aaron HARRIS RB <i>Parade</i> All-American ♦	5-11, 210	Downington	Downington
Philadelphia Inquirer Player-of-the-Year ♦ All-State ♦ As a senior, ran for 1,832 yards and 32 touchdowns ♦ Had 1,200 rushing yards and 15 scores as a junior ♦ Honor roll student.			
Corey JONES WR <i>Parade</i> All-American ♦	6-0, 175	Lancaster	Conestoga Valley
USA Today All-American ♦ BlueChip Illustrated Dream Team ♦ SuperPrep rated No. 2 player in Pennsylvania ♦ During prep career, caught 164 passes for 2,589 yards and 26 touchdowns ♦ Two-time All-State ♦ State 200-meter and 400-meter champion as a sophomore.			
Chad KROELL QB <i>USA Today</i> honorable mention All-American ♦	6-1, 191	Clearfield	Clearfield
All-State ♦ Three-time All-District ♦ Threw 79 career touchdowns passes ♦ As a senior, threw for 3,224 yards and 49 scores ♦ Honor roll student.			
Cordell MITCHELL RB <i>Parade</i> All-American ♦	6-0, 194	Syracuse, NY	Corcoran
BlueChip Illustrated Dream Team ♦ SuperPrep ranked No. 1 player in New York ♦ All-State ♦ As a senior, rushed for 1,671 yards and 17 touchdowns.			
Lewe SESSIONS DL Two-year starter on offense and defense ♦	6-6, 265	Troy, OH	Troy
As a senior, had 64 tackles, seven sacks and 11 tackles for loss ♦ Had 80 tackles and six sacks as a junior ♦ Two-time All-District.			
Brandon SHORT LB <i>Parade</i> All-American ♦	6-4, 255	McKeesport	McKeesport
USA Today All-American... Associated Press Pennsylvania Player-of-the-Year ♦ Ranked No. 3 player in Pennsylvania by SuperPrep ♦ BlueChip Illustrated Dream Team ♦ As a senior, had 117 tackles, seven sacks and five caused fumbles ♦ Intercepted two passes, blocked a punt and returned a fumble for a score.			
Rich STANKIEWICZ TE Played linebacker, punter and tight end ♦	6-4, 265	West Chester	Henderson
All-State ♦ All-League at three positions ♦ As a senior, averaged more than 15 tackles per game ♦ Had over 200 tackles during past two seasons ♦ Ranks first in his graduating class academically.			
Kevin THOMPSON QB Threw for 2,800 yards in prep career ♦	6-5, 198	Damascus, MD	Damascus
As a senior, completed over 50 percent of passes and threw for 14 touchdowns ♦ Led team to state title.			
Gabe TINCHER OL <i>SuperPrep</i> rated No. 103 player in Midwest ♦	6-3, 290	Cincinnati, OH	Moeller
All-State ♦ All-District ♦ All-League ♦ Two-year starter.			

'94 RESULTS

(12-0-0, 8-0-0)

56	Minnesota	3
38	USC	14
61	Iowa	21
55	Rutgers	27
48	Temple	21
31	Michigan	24
63	Ohio State	14
35	Indiana	29
35	Illinois	31
45	Northwestern	17
59	Michigan State	31
38	ROSE BOWL Oregon	20

'94 STATS

PASSING

NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
Collins	264	176	2679	66.7	21	7
Richardson	33	16	177	48.5	0	0

RUSHING

NAME	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	TD
Carter	198	1539	7.8	80	23
Archie	52	303	5.8	35	5
Milne	56	267	4.8	49	8
Witman	49	241	4.9	17	5

RECEIVING

NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	LG	TD
Engram	52	1029	19.8	63	7
Scott	47	973	20.7	82	9
Brady	27	365	13.5	41	2

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

TACKLES: Gelzheiser 126; Smith 88; Yeboah-Kodie 62; Miller 59; Atkins 58; Collins, J. 52; Herring 49; Dingle 48.

INTERCEPTIONS: Miller 4; Herring 2.

QB SACKS: Smith 7; Atkins 6; Killens 3; Yeboah-Kodie 2; Mazyck 2; Noble 2; Scioli 2; Snyder 2; Thomas 2.

TACKLES FOR LOSS: Yeboah-Kodie 14; Atkins 14; Smith 10; Mazyck 6; Gelzheiser 5; Miller 4; Killens 4; Scioli 4.

'95 SCHEDULE

Sept. 9	TEXAS TECH
Sept. 16	TEMPLE
Sept. 23	at Rutgers
Sept. 30	WISCONSIN
Oct. 7	OHIO STATE
Oct. 14	at Purdue
Oct. 21	at Iowa
Oct. 28	INDIANA
Nov. 4	at Northwestern
Nov. 18	MICHIGAN
Nov. 25	at Michigan State



JEFF HARTINGS, WHO WAS AN ALL-AMERICAN BOTH ON THE FIELD AND IN THE CLASSROOM, MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DIG INTO SOME NFL OWNER'S POCKET IN THE SPRING. INSTEAD HE OPTED TO RETURN FOR HIS FIFTH SEASON AND TAKE ANOTHER RUN AT THE ROSE BOWL AS WELL AS A POSSIBLE NATIONAL TITLE.

PHOTO BY TOMASSO DEROSSA

Richardson got a save in that game and a victory the following week when he started against Temple while Sacca recovered.

He redshirted in 1993 and understudied Collins last year. His apprenticeship over, he's ready to take control of the offense.

"I've talked to Kerry a couple of times and he told me to just keep doing what I've been doing, to watch a lot of film so I know what the defense is trying to do," Richardson said.

"But the biggest thing I learned from Kerry is to be patient. We went through a

lot of the same things and it helped me to see how he adjusted to what happened to him. Hopefully, I'll be able to do the same things he did."

Paterno said when he looks at Richardson he sees many of the same qualities he saw in Collins.

"They are not much different, physically," Paterno said. "They both have strong arms and they're both tough kids."

"Right now Wally doesn't have the same kind of experience that Kerry had, but there is no reason to think that he can't be the same kind of quarterback as Kerry

after he plays a while. I think he can give us the same things Kerry gave us."

The larger question is whether or not Mike Archie or one of the other tailbacks can give Penn State what Carter gave it — 1,539 yards and 23 touchdowns — as well as the kind of pressure a breakaway back puts on a defense.

Going strictly by the depth chart, Archie gets the call. And going by the numbers, the dropoff may not be as precipitous as some might think.

Archie was a true triple threat when he broke the huddle. He carried the ball 52 times for 303 yards and five touchdowns, caught 22 passes for 215 yards and two more scores, and, just for good measure, was two-for-two for 106 yards and two touchdowns throwing the option pass.

But if Archie eases off the throttle, either Stephen Pitts or Ambrose Fletcher could slip past him into the lineup.

"I think tailback will be a strong spot for us," Paterno said. "But it depends on how far Mike goes. Pitts worked hard over the winter, and Fletcher will make him (Archie) hustle."

"Mike's not quite as committed as Ki-Jana was, but he'd better be because the other guys are nipping at his heels."

Archie hears them.

"I know I have to work hard," he said. "I know I have my work cut out for me. But now that Ki-Jana is gone it gives me a chance to step in and prove what kind of a running back I am."

"I know there will be pressure on me. Everyone will want to compare me to Ki-Jana. But if everyone looks closely, they'll see we're two different kinds of backs."

Anyone looking at the fullback spot will see two backs who are incredibly similar. Brian Milne and Jon Witman return there and aside from the fact that Milne's 20 pounds heavier, there's barely a discernible difference.

Both are 6-3. Both are powerful blockers. Milne carried the ball 56 times for 267 yards (4.8 average) and scored eight times. Witman carried 49 times for 241 yards (4.9 average) and scored five times. And when both lined up in the backfield when the Lions went to a goal-line, power backfield, they were unstoppable.

"We hope to get Brian and Jon more involved in carrying the ball," Paterno said. "They will be big factors on this team."

On those occasions when the Lion offense flames out, Paterno has confidence in his kicking game.

Redshirt sophomore Brett Conway is back to take care of the field goals and

NITTANY LIONS SPRING ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
29	Chris Alston	WR	Jr.	6-1	178	Chapel Hill, NC	42	Matt Joyner	DB	So.	6-0	174	Hummelstown
66	Bill Anderson	G	Sr.	6-4	275	Indiana	83	Joe Jurevicius	WR/P	Jr.	6-5	220	Chardon, OH
2	Mike Archie	TB	Sr.	5-8	202	Sharon	28	Dorrell Kania	P	Sr.	6-0	165	Cambridge Springs
58	Todd Atkins	DE	Sr.	6-3	247	New Castle	92	Terry Killens	OLB	Sr.	6-1	223	Cincinnati, OH
41	Dwight Banks	WR	So.	6-0	182	Baltimore, MD	19	Brian King	WR	Sr.	6-2	195	West Chester, OH
88	Michael Barninger	K	Sr.	6-4	180	Mechanicsburg	95	Todd Kulka	ILB	Sr.	6-2	200	State College
76	Mike Buzin	C	So.	6-4	245	Westlake, OH	24	Shawn Lee	CB	So.	5-7	180	Harrisburg
11	Chris Campbell	WR	Sr.	6-0	187	Akron, OH	71	Peter Marczyk	G	Sr.	6-3	275	Absecon, NJ
36	Cory Carlson	LB	Jr.	6-0	215	Medina, OH		Christian Marrone	C	So.	6-2	262	Philadelphia
57	Mike Carroll	ILB	Jr.	6-1	219	Northbrook, IL	9	Mike McQueary	QB	Jr.	6-4	213	State College
89	Eric Clair	DT	Sr.	6-2	269	Elizabethtown	34	Brian Miller	CB	Sr.	5-9	178	Danora
6	Aaron Collins	OLB	Jr.	6-0	227	Cinnaminson, NJ	22	Brian Milne	FB	Sr.	6-3	253	Waterford
55	Ahmad Collins	OLB	Jr.	6-0	206	Harrisburg	21	Joe Nasti	WR	So.	5-11	175	Woodbury
8	Jason Collins	SS	Sr.	5-11	190	Cinnaminson, NJ	44	Jim Nelson	OLB	Jr.	6-1	222	Waldorf, MD
53	Keith Conlin	T	Sr.	6-7	301	Glenside	93	Brandon Noble	DT	Sr.	6-1	258	Virginia Beach, VA
59	Kevin Conlin	G	Jr.	6-3	250	Glenside	96	Justin O'Connor	TE	So.	6-5	231	Franklin Lakes, NJ
20	Brett Conway	K	Jr.	6-2	188	Liburn, GA	70	Boris Oden	T	Sr.	6-4	295	Decatur, GA
42	Jeff Davis	FS	Sr.	5-11	175	Fredonia, NY	87	Keith Olsommer	TE	Sr.	6-4	245	Moscow
26	Cliff Dingle	FS	Sr.	5-10	184	Bonneau, SC	4	Doug Ostrowsky	QB	So.	6-6	230	Pittsburgh
79	Dan Dragan	T	So.	6-7	274	Drums	64	Phil Ostrowsky	G	Jr.	6-5	256	Wilkes-Barre
23	Chris Eberly	TB	So.	5-11	192	Beverly, NJ	37	Darren Oswald	LB	Fr.	6-2	209	East Berlin
48	John Eden	CB	Jr.	5-10	175	Alexandria, IN	62	Brad Pantall	KS	Sr.	5-9	196	State College
97	Jamaal Edwards	DT	So.	6-1	250	Washington	29	Chuck Penzenik	CB	Sr.	5-10	174	Akron, OH
10	Bobby Engram	WR	Sr.	5-10	185	Camden, SC	40	Stephen Pitts	TB	Sr.	5-11	190	Atlantic Highlands, NJ
53	Matt Evancho	DT	Jr.	6-1	210	Easton	1	Shino Proter	CB	Jr.	5-9	160	Arlington, TX
60	Ryan Fagan	T	So.	6-7	272	Pittsburgh	14	Wally Richardson	QB	Sr.	6-4	211	Sumter, SC
7	Lionel Fayard	CB	Sr.	5-9	177	Fr. Walton Bch, FL	54	Marco Rivera	G	Sr.	6-5	280	Elmont, NY
77	Chris Faeney	T	Sr.	6-4	280	Erie	5	Brad Sciali	DE	So.	6-3	259	Bridgeport
47	Gerald Filardi	ILB	Sr.	6-0	227	Huntington, NY	31	Freddie Scott	WR	Sr.	6-0	186	Southfield, MI
25	Ambrose Fletcher	TB	Jr.	5-9	190	New London, CT	35	Clint Seace	ILB	So.	6-2	219	Thomdale
99	Matt Fornel	DE	Jr.	6-3	244	Bethel Park	15	Jason Slood	FB	Jr.	6-2	226	Marysville
18	Eric Gallman	WR	Sr.	5-6	168	Irmo, SC	91	Chris Snyder	DE	Jr.	6-3	238	Chesapeake, VA
84	Jason Gallucci	DE	Jr.	6-0	230	Budd Lake, NJ	49	Jason Stephens	FB	So.	5-11	210	Mahnton
56	Mike Gonzalez	DE	Sr.	6-1	245	Hellertown	45	Scott Stephens	P	So.	6-6	207	North Little Rock, AR
48	Carl Gray	FB	Sr.	6-1	233	Queens, NY	80	Bob Stephenson	TE	Jr.	6-2	227	Waynesburg
50	Jeff Hartings	G	Sr.	6-3	278	St. Henry, OH	33	Mark Tate	CB	Sr.	6-0	175	Erie
67	Dale Harvey	T	Sr.	6-4	295	Salem, NJ	98	David Thomas	DT	Sr.	6-2	280	Silver Spring, MD
69	Jason Henderson	T	Sr.	6-7	272	Satellite Beach, FL	75	Barry Tielsch	C	Sr.	6-2	281	Penn Hills
3	Kim Herring	FS	Jr.	6-0	198	Solon, OH	12	Damon Troy	CB	So.	6-0	205	Whitesboro, NJ
13	Clint Holes	SS	Sr.	6-0	194	Spring Church	94	Freddie Valsea	DE	Sr.	6-1	230	Bloomfield, NJ
74	Wayne Holmes	T	Sr.	6-6	317	Silver Spring, MD	72	David Van Dyke	OL	So.	6-2	258	Burke, VA
68	Andre Johnson	T	Sr.	6-5	295	Southampton, NY	84	Justin Wheeler	TE	Sr.	6-1	234	Lilly
17	Brad Johnson	CB	So.	5-10	157	Parkersburg, WV	27	Justin Williams	WR	Sr.	5-10	182	Uniondale, NY
63	Brad Jones	C	Jr.	6-6	256	Beaver Falls	38	Jon Witman	FB	Sr.	6-3	233	Wrightsville
23	Andrew Joyner	WR	Sr.	5-10	166	Hummelstown							

Roster and depth chart subject to change.

OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
14	Wally Richardson	Senior
9	Mike McQueary	Junior
NUMBER	FULLBACK	YEAR
38	Jon Witman*	Senior
22	Brian Milne	Senior
NUMBER	TAILBACK	YEAR
2	Mike Archic	Senior
40	Stephen Pitts	Senior
NUMBER	FLANKER	YEAR
31	Freddie Scott*	Senior
11	Chris Campbell	Senior
NUMBER	SPLIT END	YEAR
10	Bobby Engram*	Senior
83	Joe Jurevicius	Junior
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
87	Keith Olsommer	Senior
80	Bob Stephenson	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
68	Andre Johnson*	Senior
69	Jason Henderson	Senior
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
54	Marco Rivera*	Senior
66	Bill Anderson	Senior
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
75	Barry Tielsch	Senior
63	Brad Jones	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
50	Jeff Hartings*	Senior
59	Kevin Conlin*	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
53	Keith Conlin*	Senior
74	Wayne Holmes	Senior

*Returning Starter

DEFENSE

NUMBER	LEFT END	YEAR
5	Brad Sciali	Sophomore
94	Freddie Valsea	Senior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
89	Eric Clair	Senior
70	Boris Oden	Senior
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
93	Brandon Noble	Senior
98	Dave Thomas	Senior
NUMBER	RIGHT END	YEAR
58	Todd Atkins*	Senior
91	Chris Snyder	Junior
NUMBER	OUTSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
6	Aaron Collins	Junior
44	Jim Nelson	Junior
NUMBER	INSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
47	Gerald Filardi	Senior
36	Cory Carlson	Junior
NUMBER	OUTSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
92	Terry Killens	Senior
55	Ahmad Collins	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT CORNERBACK	YEAR
34	Brian Miller*	Senior
17	Brad Johnson	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT CORNERBACK	YEAR
33	Mark Tate	Senior
29	Chuck Penzenik	Senior
NUMBER	HERO	YEAR
8	Jason Collins	Senior
13	Clint Holes*	Senior
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
26	Cliff Dingle*	Senior
3	Kim Herring	Junior

SPRING UPDATE

Penn State's coaching staff became even more of a family affair when Jay Paterno was hired as an assistant coach to replace Craig Cirbus, who left to become the head coach at Buffalo.

Paterno, a 1990 graduate of Penn State where he earned a letter as a reserve quarterback, had been a graduate assistant at Virginia and later was an assistant at the University of Connecticut. He was an assistant coach at James Madison when he was hired by his father.

The 25-year-old Paterno will coach the tight ends and serve as the recruiting coordinator.

"I was obviously prejudiced, so I tried to stay out of it (hiring process)," said Joe Paterno. "My first obligation is to the program, the rest of the staff and the squad. I didn't want to bring someone in who was not going to help this team be as good as it can be."

Jay turned down offers to follow Rip Scherer from JMU to Memphis State, stay at JMU with Alex Wood, or go to Buffalo with Cirbus. But it wasn't a tough choice for Jay.

"People leave here so infrequently," he said, "and my Dad's not 40 anymore. In two years he might decide to hang it up and then I'd be saying, 'Geez, I wish I had the chance to coach under him.'"

◆ A position switch took one of Jay Paterno's tight ends and moved him to quarterback. In one of the most radical position switches of the spring, Doug Ostrowsky, a 6-7 redshirt freshman with no prior experience at quarterback, was moved under center, where he immediately became the No. 3 quarterback.

◆ "I've found that quarterbacks are, mentally, the toughest kids on the field," said Ostrowsky, "but physically, we're pansies."

◆ Due to injuries to many defensive players and the decision to hold many of the returning offensive starters out of action in the spring to give younger players more repetitions, the makeup of the starting defense was unclear at spring's end.

— Ron Bracken

extra points, while Darrell Kania and Joe Jurevicius return to split the punting work. Redshirt freshman Scott Stephens is also ready to make a bid for the punting job,

the right place defensively and trying to come up with the things they can do well would be our first priority."

First things first, he'll have to fill in the

Paterno noted. "We should have good competition at all three spots and the guys who want it the most will probably get it because they're all pretty equal."

If you placed your trifecta bet on Terry Killens, Aaron Collins and Jim Nelson you'd have a good shot at cashing in a winner, but Ahmad Collins, redshirt freshman Clint Seace, Gerald Filardi and Cory Carlson could also wind up atop the depth chart.

Killens, a redshirt junior, is the most experienced, but Collins, Nelson and Seace are highly regarded prospects who only need experience.

Experience is not a problem in the secondary. Medical clearance is.

Clint Holes, Cliff Dingle and Kim Herring all missed the spring due to injuries suffered last fall.

In fact, the injuries to Dingle and Herring allowed Chuck Penzenik to get a start in the Rose Bowl where he intercepted two Oregon passes. As a result, he's got a legitimate shot at keeping his free safety position.

Brian Miller returns at the left cornerback spot, while Holes is the projected starter at Hero if he's healthy. Miller was an All-Big Ten choice last year after making 60 tackles and picking off four passes.

"There's no way to tell if Holes, Dingle and Herring will be healthy in the fall," Paterno said. "The doctors are optimistic they will be okay, but until they go through some tough work we won't know."

"We have to come up with a secondary that's good enough without them. If we can do that it will be a bonus, but it's going to take some doing."

On paper, the schedule seems to have given the Lions a break. They play Texas Tech and Temple at home to open the season and visit Rutgers the following week.

They also have what figures to be their three toughest Big Ten games in Beaver Stadium, even though two of them are back-to-back when Wisconsin and Ohio State come calling on Sept. 30 and Oct. 7, respectively. Michigan is scheduled to visit Beaver Stadium on Nov. 18 in a game that could have huge implications that deep into the season.

At least Hartings hopes it does. Because if there's one thing the frustration of finishing second has done for him and his teammates, it's provide an automatic motivator for this year.

"It helps us in a sense," he said. "We still have that one more thing left to accomplish."

— Ron Bracken



MIKE ARCHIE CARRIED THE BALL 52 TIMES FOR 303 YARDS AND FIVE TOUCHDOWNS, CAUGHT 22 PASSES FOR 215 YARDS AND TWO MORE SCORES, AND, JUST FOR GOOD MEASURE, WAS TWO-FOR-TWO FOR 106 YARDS AND TWO TOUCHDOWNS THROWING THE OPTION PASS.

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prompting Paterno to say he feels better about the punting situation than he did a year ago.

He's less confident about the defense, which was gutted by graduation. Seven starters are gone from a unit that got by on guile and guts.

There will be three new starters up front, three new linebackers and at least one new face in the secondary when the Lions line up against Texas Tech on Sept. 9.

"We literally have to rebuild our defense," Paterno said. "We have to be very careful to place the best people in the best spots. Just getting everyone in

gaps up front where defensive end Todd Atkins is the sole returning starter. Eric Clair, a sometimes-starter when he's been healthy, figures to get the nod at one tackle if he's healthy, while Brandon Noble is the favorite at the other spot.

Brad Scioli, one of two true freshmen to play last fall, is projected as the starter opposite Atkins.

The linebacker situation looked like the start of a marathon going into the spring as the candidates lined up for a shot at the three vacancies.

"One good thing about our linebacker situation, we have seven, eight, maybe nine kids there who are all pretty equal,"

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The fact most college football writers no longer consider Big Ten and Pac-10 teams part of the national championship race didn't seem to affect any of the Big Ten's football powers' recruiting efforts this past winter.

Next to the SEC, the Big Ten conference recruited the best in the country. Nine of the Big Ten's teams were ranked among the top 50 classes in the country.

Penn State, which posted its fifth undefeated season since Joe Paterno became its head football coach in 1966, ended this past recruiting season with the fifth best class in the country. The Nittany Lions recruited the best running back class in the country.

The other Big Ten teams that were among the *G&W Recruiting Reports'* Top 50 were Michigan (12th), Illinois (15th), Wisconsin (16th), Michigan State (28th), Iowa (30th), Ohio State (32nd), Indiana (41st) and Northwestern (46th).

The Big Ten had four teams ranked in the top 20, just one less than the SEC, which leads the country with Florida, Auburn, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama in the *G&W* Top 50.

Illinois originally had the 10th-rated class in the country, but 10 days after the Feb. 1 signing date, Lou Tepper received some bad news when *Parade* magazine's Player of the Year, quarterback Chris Redman, from Male High in Louisville, Ky. asked to be released from his scholarship.

Redman made that decision when Greg Landry was fired as Illinois' offensive coordinator and was named to the same position with the Detroit Lions in the NFL. Redman eventually decided to go to Oklahoma.

Here's a glance at each Big Ten team's recruiting effort.

PENN STATE

Penn State (No. 5) — When Penn State made its move to the Big Ten three years ago there was speculation the Lions would lose their recruiting base in the Northeast. It hasn't happened.

Penn State signed five of the top six rated players in the Keystone State. LB Brandon Short, RB Aaron Harris, DB Askari Adams, WR Corey Jones and DL Anthony Cleary — All-Americans all — were five of the six top vote-getters for

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NAME	POS	HGT	WGT	SPD	HOMETOWN
Mike Burden	LB/RB	6-2	215	4.5	Palatine, IL
Damian Chaubet	LB	6-4	220	4.6	Indianapolis (Warren Central), IN
Nick Goings	RB	5-11	195	4.5	Dublin, OH
Dwayne Goodrich	DB	6-0	175	4.4	Oak Lawn (Richards), IL
Earl Haniford	QB	6-3	210	4.7	Martinsville, IN
DeAndre Harris	OL	6-4	293	5.2	Davenport (Central), IA
Andy Katzenmoyer	DE/LB	6-5	235	4.7	Westerville (South), OH
Scott Kavanagh	QB	6-4	195	4.6	Naperville (North), IL
Jefferson Kelly	OL	6-6	305	5.1	Cincinnati (Colerain), OH
Mike Marshall	LB	6-3	225	4.6	Cincinnati (St. Xavier), OH
Dan O'Leary	TE	6-5	226	4.7	Cleveland (St. Ignatius), OH
Marcus Perez	DL	6-4	245	4.8	Medina, OH
Dante' Robertson	RB/DB	6-0	180	4.45	Pontiac (Central), MI
Karel Smith	DL	6-3	280	4.85	Akron (Buchtell), OH
Marcus Smith	LB	6-2	215	4.6	Bollingbrook, IL
Robaire Smith	DE	6-6	240	4.7	Flint (Northern), MI
Mike Solwold	TE	6-6	235	4.75	Hartland (Arrowhead), WI
Dave Sucura	OL	6-5	260	5.0	Sterling Heights (Stevenson), MI
Marques Sullivan	OL	6-6	300	5.1	Chicago (Fenwick), IL
Shedrick Washington	WR	6-2	205	4.5	Milwaukee (Vincent), WI

Player of the Year in Pennsylvania, and if RB/DB Chafie Fields hadn't played hurt his entire season he might have been considered Pennsylvania's best pure athlete.

Penn State also signed the best TE prospect in Cunch Brown from Winston-Salem, N.C., and All-American DL David Fleischauer from Clemmons, N.C., was named *SuperPrep's* Defensive Player of the Year in ACC country.

In addition to Harris and Fields, Joe Paterno signed *Parade* All-American RB Cordell Mitchell and 1993 Ohio Mr. Football RB/LB Curtis Enls, who prepped at the Kiski School, Saltsburg, Pa., in 1994. This was clearly the best class in the Big Ten.

MICHIGAN

Michigan (No. 12) — The Wolverines knew they needed help in their defensive secondary. Except for FSU and Florida, no one did a better job in the country recruiting defensive backs.

Ohio Mr. Football Charles Woodson from Freemont, Ohio, heads the stellar secondary class. Other top-flight defensive backs include Texas all-state FS Daydrion Taylor, Michigan all-state QB/DB Diallo Johnson, Michigan all-state DB Kevin Bryant and Michigan CB Brent Washington.

In addition to the top DE/OLB prospect in the Midwest, Dave Bowens

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from Orchard Lake, Mich., the Wolverines signed one of California's top three quarterbacks in Tom Brady.

The Wolverines also did their typical excellent recruiting job in Texas. Besides Taylor, they inked all-state DL Joshua Williams and all-state OL Steve Frazier.

Aaron Shea was an All-American TE at Ottawa, Ill., but he's expected to play his freshman year at Michigan at the full-back position. This class' sleeper is Louisiana all-state LB James Hall.

ILLINOIS

Illinois (No. 15) — Losing Redman hurt, but it still didn't stop the Fighting Illini from signing the third best class in the Big Ten.

Tepper did a marvelous job recruiting the state of Illinois. The Fighting Illini signed 12 of the Top 20 prospects in Illinois. All-American DE/LB Rameel Connor is the premier player in Tepper's class. Other nationally known players recruited from Illinois are All-American OL Mike Flaar, all-state RB Steve Havard, all-state DBs Tony Francis and Danny Clark, all-state TE/DE Mike McGee and All-Chicago area LB Oku Satcher.

Prominent out-of-state recruits include *Parade* All-American LM Chip Nicastrro from Missouri and Ohio all-stars WR Rob Majoy and TE Joe Gatton. This is a lofty position Illinois' football program rarely receives.

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin (No. 16) — Barry Alvarez has followed Paterno's lead and tried to have half of his recruiting class firmed up before Dec. 1. This past winter Alvarez had verbal commitments from six of Wisconsin's top seven players before Oct. 31. Those early commitments were All-American OL Chris McIntosh, Wisconsin 1994 Player of the Year LB Donnie Eicher, DL Tom Burke, DE/TE Nathan Kroepelin, TE Eric Pauly and LB Jamie Spielman.

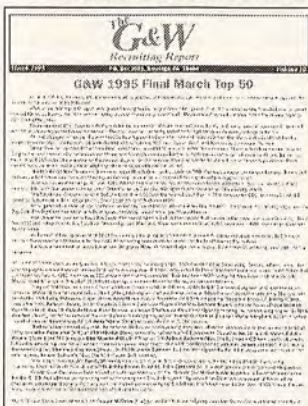
Alvarez has continued the process this spring. The Badgers already had their first verbal commitment for 1996. Wisconsin's top-rated player TE

Mike Solwold from Arrowhead High in Hartland, Wisc., verbally committed to Wisconsin on Feb. 26.

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The other major reason for the Badgers' high national ranking was the school's success in the Chicago area. Alvarez landed All-American QB Mark Zanders, plus Chicago all-area RB Tirrell Robinson, WR Ahmad Merritt and QB/DB Marcus White.

Alvarez also believes Missouri all-state RB Charles Williams, Minnesota all-state DB Tim Rosga and Indiana all-state OL Aaron Gibson will be starters by their sophomore year.

MICHIGAN STATE

Michigan State (No. 28) — Nick Saban wasn't able to actively recruit for the Spartans until his tenure ended with the Cleveland Browns. The fact George Perles' successor signed the fifth best class in the Big Ten is a remarkable job. In the final seven days before signing date Saban signed eight of the top players in his class. The cast of characters were lead by junior college All-American DE Jabbar Threats from Garden City CC, Kan., All-American OL Desmond Thomas from Beltsville, Md., Illinois all-state WR Ken Carrington, New York all-state RB/DB Bill Greene, Florida LB Dwayne Hawkins, New York all-state LB Raheem Miller, Ohio all-state OL Max Nixon and Ohio all-state TE Marcus Chapman.

Also, Virginia all-state DB Sorie Kanu, Minnesota OL Casey Jenson and Michigan DL Davarrio Carter are quality Big Ten caliber recruits. The only big question surrounding this class is its academics. Five or six of the Spartans recruits still must qualify before August.

IOWA

Iowa (No. 30) — Hayden Fry made a valiant effort to restore the Hawkeyes football program this past winter by traveling to the state of Texas.

Fry signed eight players from the Lone Star state. It was the most any school signed from Texas outside the SWC. The Hawkeyes' top Texas signings were all-state DB Cory Hutchings, who chose Iowa over Miami, 5-A all-state LB Raj Clark, 2-A all-state LB Tariq Peterson, second-team All-Dallas LB/DE Brandon Phearse, All-Houston area DL Corey

Brown, LB Evan Wardell, OL Shalor Pryor and LB Paul Moten.

Fry, also, did a good job in Iowa, landing that state's top prospect, TE/DE Zeron Flemister, preseason All-American WR Tony Collins and all-state RBs Doug Miller and Rob Thein, plus Iowa's top OL prospect, Chad Deal. Fry needed help on defense. He met his needs at linebacker and in the secondary, but signed just two defensive linemen.

OHIO STATE

Ohio State (No. 32) — What's missing with Ohio State's class is marquee name players. Except for All-American RB Joe Montgomery and All-American LB Roedell Dupree, who both signed with the Buckeyes in 1993 but failed to qualify, the only two Ohio State recruits to receive All-American recognition were Ohio TE Steve Wisniewski and Pennsylvania LB/DE Randy Homa.

The Buckeyes did meet their biggest need at linebacker, signing six DE/LB type players. In addition to Homa the Buckeyes landed juco All-American Kevin Johnson, Texas all-stater Darren Hestor, plus three Ohio all-staters in Chris Kirk, Tony Eisenhard and Matt LaVrar. Other quality Ohio recruits are all-state OL Eric Smith, Akron Defensive Player of the Year DB Antoine Whitfield and all-state DB Percy King. Juco LB Johnson and juco All-American DB Marc Wills might be the first to play from this class.

INDIANA

Indiana (No. 41) — Bill Mallory knew he needed to recruit linebackers. With three starters graduating, it was Indiana's No. 1 priority.

Indiana believes it landed the best group of linebackers in the Big Ten. The class consists of All-American ILB Bryan Bobay from Fort Wayne, Ind., plus fellow Indiana all-state LBers Al Phillips and Jabar Robinson. Two other linebackers of note are James Lamar from Ypsilanti, Mich., and Ohio 2-A all-stater Brad Gecina.

The first player to have an impact from this class should be juco DB Kywin Supernaw. He's slated to start at the free safety spot this fall.

The Hoosiers, also, believe they recruited two quality quarterbacks in Indiana all-stater Brad Weber and Jay Rodgers from Austin, Tex.

NORTHWESTERN

Northwestern (No. 46) — The Wildcats were the last Big Ten team to make the G&W Top 50. They accomplished this by signing players from 11 states, plus securing a solid base in the Chicago area.

The Wildcats signed four All-Chicago area players in RB Tyrone Gooch, DL Jeff Dyra, RB/LB Levelle Brown and WR Hasani Steele.

Players outside the Chicago area of note are Oklahoma LB Stafford Gaston, who chose the Wildcats over Stanford, Michigan top 25 DB/RB Gerald Conoway, Texas Top 100 DL Gladston Taylor and Pennsylvania all-state DL Mike Lapadula.

MINNESOTA

Minnesota — The Golden Gophers needed help everywhere and experienced most of their success at home and in Texas.

Jim Wacker signed eight of Minnesota's top 12 prospects. They include: all-state OL Pat Hau, all-state RB Verdis Webb III, all-state LB Nate Pearson, LB Luke Braaten, TE/DE Mike Cernoch, TE Alex Haas, OL Kris Hoffrath and DE Theron Von Behren.

The Gophers' top recruit from Texas is QB Spergon Wynn III, but the biggest impact player in Minnesota's class is juco QB Jason Murdock. He's Minnesota's quarterback of the future.

PURDUE

Purdue — The Boilermakers had the worst recruiting class in the Big Ten, but they did manage to sign some quality offensive linemen. Heading the group are juco OL Mark Bigonger from Fullerton JC, Calif., and Chad Manning from Bakersfield JC, Calif.

The Boilermakers' top two recruits are Indiana all-state LB Roosevelt Colvins and juco All-American DB Derrick Winston. Winston practiced this spring at Purdue and is expected to start this fall.

— Phil Grosz

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FRESHMEN OF INFLUENCE

NAME	POS	HGT	WGT	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE
Andre Barkley	RB	6-1	195	Cincinnati, OH	North Carolina
Bryan Bobay	LB	6-2	250	Fort Wayne, IN	Indiana
Dave Bowens	LB	6-3	230	Orchard Lake, MI	Michigan
Kenny Carrington	WR	6-3	190	Oak Lawn, IL	Michigan State
John Cerasani	TE	6-4	245	Schaumburg, IL	Notre Dame
Tony Collins	WR	6-0	175	Davenport, IA	Iowa
Rameel Connor	DL	6-4	230	Hillside, IL	Illinois
Chad Deal	OL	6-5	270	Council Bluffs, IA	Iowa
Mike Flaar	OL	6-5	290	Oswego, IL	Illinois
Zeron Flemister	DL	6-5	215	Sioux City, IA	Iowa
Antwon Jones	DL	6-4	240	Piqua, OH	Notre Dame
Percy King	DB	6-4	200	Columbus, OH	Ohio State
Mike McGee	DL	6-4	240	Springfield, IL	Illinois
Max Nixon	OL	6-4	310	Elyria, OH	Michigan State
Ahmed Plummer	DB	6-1	182	Cincinnati, OH	Ohio State
Mike Rosenthal	OL	6-8	295	Mishawaka, IN	Notre Dame
Lewe Sessions	OL	6-6	265	Troy, OH	Penn State
Aaron Shea	TE	6-5	260	Ottawa, IL	Michigan
Eric Smith	OL	6-5	300	Columbus, OH	Ohio State
Mario Strayhorn	DB	6-2	200	Cincinnati, OH	Notre Dame
Tai Streets	WR	6-4	185	Harvey, IL	Michigan
Gabe Tincher	OL	6-3	290	Cincinnati, OH	Penn State
Clarence Williams	RB	5-10	180	Detroit, MI	Michigan
Nick Williams	RB	6-3	255	Farmington Hills, MI	Miami
Bonne Willis	TE	6-4	245	Detroit, MI	Kansas
Quincy Woods	QB	6-2	185	Park Forest, IL	Southern Cal
Charles Woodson	DB	6-1	185	Freemont, OH	Michigan
Mark Zanders	QB	6-4	215	Joliet, IL	Wisconsin
Chris Ziemann	OL	6-7	250	Aurora, IL	Michigan



Amani Means Peace, Askari Means Warrior...

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Anthony Carter couldn't do it. Desmond Howard couldn't do it. Derrick Alexander either.

The premier receivers in Michigan football history — some of the most talented pass-catchers in college football over the past decade — couldn't cover as much ground as Jack Clancy in 1966.

It took Amani Toomer to do it.

Clancy caught 76 passes for 1,079 yards as an All-American in 1966, setting a school record for receiving yards that weathered the assault of the three-time All-American Carter, the Heisman Trophy-winner Howard, and the first-round draft pick Alexander.

Toomer broke it, though, with 54 receptions in 1994, turning those catches into 1,096 yards.

They didn't stop the game in San Diego when the 28-year-old record was broken. The mark passed quietly on a 13-yard pass from Todd Collins to Toomer late in the second quarter of Michigan's Holiday Bowl win over Colorado State. Toomer was informed of his accomplishment by a reporter while walking out of Jack Murphy Stadium with his father, Donald.

"That's nice," Toomer said, "but getting the win is what means most." Maybe someday, when Toomer talks football with his own son, the record will become more significant.

Toomer became accustomed to winning as everyone's All-American at Concord DeLaSalle, a California prep powerhouse, and back-to-back 8-4 seasons at Michigan have eaten at him.

Attempting to close out his career in the Rose Bowl is one of the reasons Toomer opted against leaving school early for the NFL draft. Another reason is staying to complete a degree in communications, which he would eventually like to use in business advertising or marketing.

Staying also will allow him to challenge for the trophy given the nation's top receiver, the Fred Biletnikoff Award.

Toomer grew up in the East Bay area and remembered watching Biletnikoff and Cliff Branch of the Oakland Raiders as a youngster.

"They'd put the ball up all the time for those two guys," Toomer said.

It became his dream to someday streak into end zones, but the road to receiver stardom had its share of speed bumps.

Toomer has come a long way, literally and figuratively, to become one of the top receivers in college football.

At age 12, Toomer started at offensive guard for the Berkeley Cougars, a Pop Warner team.

He didn't play receiver until his sophomore year at DeLaSalle and nearly quit football after playing outside linebacker and tight

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end as a freshman. Getting to school was a problem, too. DeLaSalle was a 30-mile drive from the family home.

Toomer's mother, Roberta, drove him sometimes, he car pooled with others or took the Bay Area Rapid Transit system.

That was a walk compared to Toomer's college choice, Michigan, which was 2,000 miles away.

And he almost didn't last long enough at Michigan to make a name for himself. When Toomer went home after his freshman season, he didn't plan to return to Ann Arbor.

He wanted to be featured more in Michigan's offense, and he missed his family and the beautiful East Bay vistas.

"I walk down my street and get just the greatest view," Toomer said. "I can see the Golden Gate Bridge, the Bay Bridge, Oakland, Marin County and San Francisco Bay.

"On a clear day, you can even see the waves.

"Whenever I go home, I go down there and just look."

Wolverines coach Gary Moeller remembered the view himself from the day he visited Toomer and talked him into picking Michigan over UCLA, Stanford, Washington and Notre Dame.

"A lot of kids have everything to gain by leaving home," Moeller said, "but Amani already had everything at home. Gosh, it's just beautiful up there."

Toomer figured he would transfer to UCLA, but his parents wouldn't hear of it.

"My husband had a student who played football at Washington and transferred to San Jose State," Roberta Toomer said. "He went on to play pro ball, but told Amani he wished he'd stayed put and said leaving was not a good experience.

"We worked on him hard. It was like when he was at DeLaSalle, asking, 'Is what I want here?' We told him you can't do it all your first year. He's happy now, but Amani is never really satisfied. He's hard on himself, but that doesn't mean he doesn't have lots of confidence."

Toomer caught 16 passes for 238 yards as a freshman, and twice got that many yards last year in back-to-back games alone.

He caught 29 for 565 yards as a sophomore, and finally blossomed as a junior after Derrick Alexander departed for the NFL as a first-round pick of the Cleveland Browns.

Being the primary receiver immediately paid big dividends. Toomer caught seven passes for 179 yards — tied for fourth-most in Michigan history — and scored two touchdowns against Boston College in a 34-26 win in the opening game.

Toomer ran through the Eagles like an obstacle course. He darted, juke, dived and sped past defenders on 38- and 46-yard scoring passes from Collins.

And there were more exciting plays and big games to come. He caught seven passes for 157 yards against Penn State and six for 147 yards and two touchdowns against Minnesota. Toomer led the Big Ten's final regular season statistics with 93.9 yards per

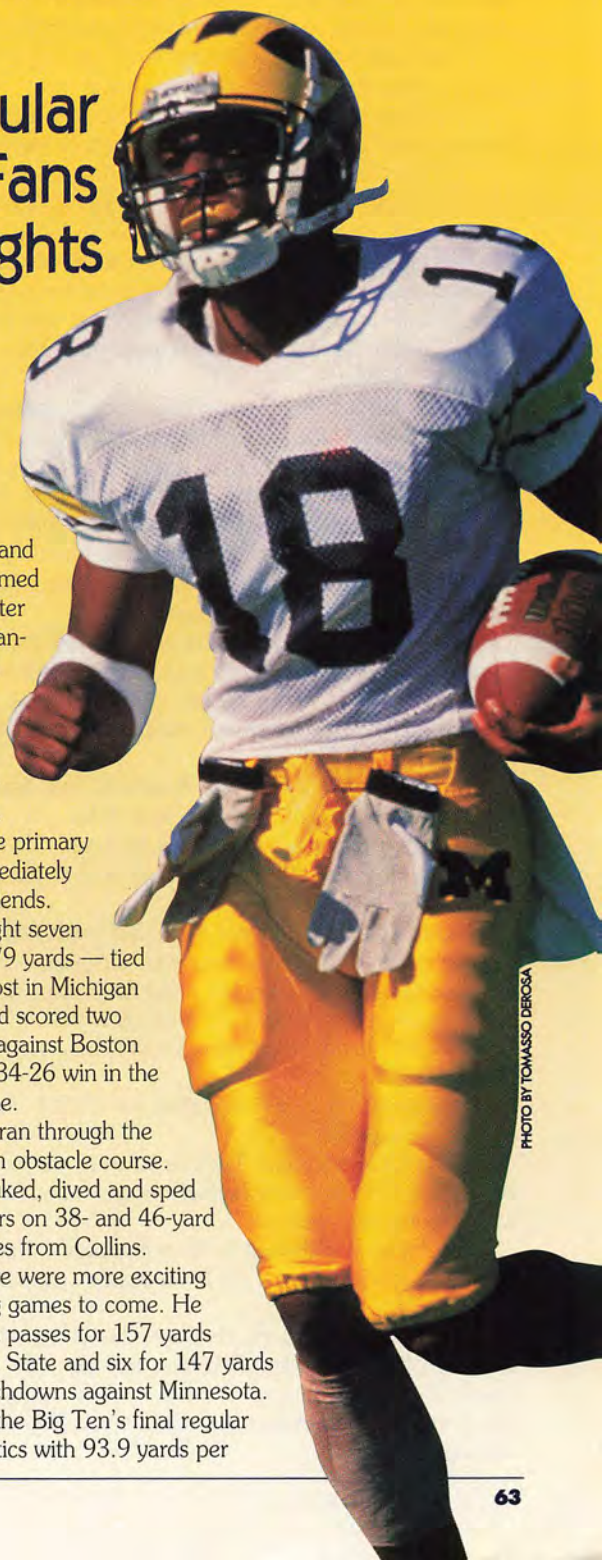


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game, and was 48 yards from surpassing tailback Tyrone Wheatley's rushing total of 1,144 yards.

"Amani had an excellent season and has done more than we expected," said Moeller. "Amani's doing it all now, and has done so much running with the ball after he catches it."

Toomer used his 6-4, 194-pound frame to post up defenders like a basketball center, and also used his size to bounce off defenders. Place speed into that ability combination, and you have a defensive back's nightmare.

Defenses often double-teamed him, but flanker Mercury Hayes made you pay for doing that. Hayes was also a Biletnikoff nominee last year and caught 33 passes for 589 yards. Both Hayes and Toomer are expected to go in the 1996 NFL draft.

Hayes won't get to be featured after playing second-fiddle to Toomer, who waited for Alexander to leave.

Alexander, likewise, bided time until Howard left to become the primary target. Toomer isn't about to take a back seat now.

"I hope they keep coming to me because I love to contribute," he said. "I would like to set records because I want to be remembered. I want to leave my mark on Michigan history."

Nobody in Michigan history had managed his 21.1-yard average with at least 30 receptions. Nobody in the country last year averaged more yards in a season with at least 40 receptions. And nobody in Big Ten history had averaged more than 20 yards for a 50-catch season.

Clearly this is a big-play specialist of uncommon dimension.

Toomer could have left the Holiday Bowl and never looked back. NFL talent analyst Mel Kiper Jr. said he would have been the fifth receiver taken in the 1995 draft.

"But leaving is not a good option for me right now," Toomer said. "I want to have a team we can be proud of (in 1995). It hurts me so much that we lost four times. I stayed up nights and asked, 'What's going on? What can I do?'"

Going 8-4 two straight years and winning the Hall of Fame Bowl and Holiday Bowl to cap each season would satisfy all but a handful of schools. But Michigan is one of those places where anything but the conference championship and a major bowl game is a disappointment.

Toomer played in the Rose Bowl win over Washington as a freshman, and is 3-0 in bowls as a Wolverine.

Winning big is a habit he wants to regain. He led DeLaSalle to a 12-1 record as a senior, and lost only in the state championship game for large schools.

Toomer caught 70 passes for 1,204 yards and was the only receiver on the *USA Today* first-team All-American team in 1991. He wore the letters TNT printed in red on the tape wrapped around his hands last season, and he was definitely explosive.

The letters on his wrist reminded him of his buddies at DeLaSalle.

"The receivers called ourselves the 'Bomb Squad' in high school," Toomer said.

"John Quarterley and Tyler Scott were the other receivers. We played hard and they helped me get here. The TNT is my way of giving them respect."

Yet, for all the abilities Toomer displayed in high school, he had one big adjustment to make in college: learning what to do after the catch.

Michigan assistant coach Cam Cameron, who since has moved to the Washington Redskins, told him that "every time I caught the ball, I stopped," Toomer recalled. "Cam said, 'You've got to put on some moves and think you can go all the way.' I followed his advice."

Toomer now makes the tough catch and the tough yards, much like Howard.

"I followed Desmond Howard all that year," Toomer said. "Desmond had a lot of influence on me. He showed a receiver could be put in the position to perform big at Michigan and that sealed it for me coming here."

Michigan coaches used the aura of Howard's 1991 Heisman to attract Toomer that same winter, and held off a late surge by new coach Bill Walsh at nearby Stanford. Toomer watched Howard's spectacular, Heisman-inducing touchdown catch against Notre Dame on television at home.

"There was a mystique to that play and the Heisman," Toomer said. "It was an incredible athlete making an incredible catch in incredible circumstances."

"But I don't want to follow in his footsteps. I just want to show the nation what I can do."

Toomer has made his own way ever since coaches looked at his big frame and targeted him to play on the line.

"I left my first Pop Warner team in Berkeley because, among other things, I didn't want to play guard," Toomer said. "So I played running back for the Richmond Steelers, and getting the ball was some of the best times I've ever had playing football."

"At DeLaSalle, I was put at outside linebacker and tight end as a freshman. I was just going to play basketball as a sophomore, but then something happened."

At the end of his freshman year, Toomer beat sophomore running back Marlon Blanton, "the next star coming up," in a 200-meter run and coach Terry Edison figured split end might, after all, be a better way to use him.

"I broke my thumb and figured they'd just give up on me," Toomer said. "But they kept me up on the varsity, and I played with a big old pad on my right thumb. It was like a club, but it helped me concentrate. I learned to catch the ball with my hands because of that big club."

Playing against his older brother also made him better. Amani and his brother, Donald Toomer Jr., known as Shelby, always found a game to play and watched their father, a former Pac-10 official, work games most Saturdays.

Shelby made five interceptions as a senior at Utah State and is expected to get a shot at the NFL this season. Shelby played against his brother's Michigan quarterback, Collins, in the East-West Shrine Game and, ironically, sacked Collins in the all-star game.

"The boys played at different high schools, too," said their mother. "Amani returned a kickoff against Pinole High, and Shelby was the only one who could catch him. He came all the way across the field but couldn't bring down Amani before he dove into the end zone."

Their parents squirmed in the bleachers; agony and ecstasy on the same play. Whether it's against a sibling or Big Ten rival, Amani Askari Toomer is hard to stop.

"It's a Swahili name," said Toomer. "Amani means peace, Askari means warrior and Toomer . . . means Toomer," he said, laughing. "My mom and dad wanted to give me a name that's different, and I liked the name because it set me apart."

You'd notice him now if his name was John Smith. Toomer has put his name among, and in some cases, even atop the famous receiver names in Wolverines history.

He'll wait until 1996 for the NFL, when he hopes to be joining his brother. Mom has one request at that time: "It would be nice if the boys could be on the same team for once."

— Steve Kornacki

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS

RUSHING

NAME	SCHOOL	No	YARDS	AVG	TD	Yds/G
Phillips	Nebraska	286	1722	6.0	16	143.5
Davis	TCU	260	1494	5.7	7	135.8
Smith	Indiana	265	1475	5.6	10	134.1
Darkins	Minnesota	277	1443	5.2	11	131.2
West	Pittsburgh	252	1358	5.4	6	123.5
Singleton	Texas-El Paso	292	1277	4.4	11	116.1
Davis	Auburn	221	1263	5.7	13	114.8
George	Ohio State	261	1353	5.2	12	112.8
Shah	UCLA	210	1227	5.8	4	111.6
Alstott	Purdue	202	1188	5.9	14	108.0

PASS RECEIVING

NAME	SCHOOL	No	YARDS	AVG	TD	CMP/G
Van Dyke	Nevada	98	1246	12.7	10	8.9
Simon	Maryland	77	891	11.6	5	7.0
Caswell	Tulsa	74	893	12.1	3	6.7
Jordan	UCLA	73	1228	16.8	7	6.6
Harris	Wyoming	71	1431	20.1	11	5.9
Johnson	USC	58	1140	19.7	6	5.8
Jackson	LA Tech	62	790	12.7	0	5.6
Uwaezuoke	California	56	716	12.8	5	5.6
Hunter	Georgia	59	799	13.5	7	5.3
Battaglia	Rutgers	58	779	13.4	4	5.3

SCORING

NAME	SCHOOL	No	YARDS	AVG	TD	Yds/G
Stewart	Miami	12	0	0	72	8.0
Williams	Virginia Tech	0	27	17	78	7.8
Prewitt	Miami	0	35	13	74	6.7
Dar Dar	Syracuse	12	0	0	72	6.6
Baumann	West Virginia	0	29	13	68	6.2
Merrick	Pittsburgh	0	19	13	60	5.5
Gordon	Boston College	0	32	9	59	5.4
Maston	Temple	0	24	9	51	5.1
Davis	Pittsburgh	9	0	0	54	4.9
Walker	Boston College	9	0	0	54	4.9

TOTAL OFFENSE

NAME	SCHOOL	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	Yds/G
Maxwell	Nevada	477	-39	3537	3498	318.0
Crandell	East Carolina	472	96	2687	2783	253.0
Kanell	Florida State	407	-127	2781	2654	241.2
Flanigan	SMU	494	502	1869	2371	237.1
McDonagh	Western Michigan	381	228	2136	2364	236.4
Burris	Temple	470	-139	2706	2567	233.3
Knake	TCU	343	-84	2624	2540	230.9
Huzjak	Toledo	413	537	1928	2465	224.0
Milanovich	Maryland	383	-62	2394	2332	212.0
Fischer	Duke	408	26	2285	2311	210.0

INTERCEPTIONS

NAME	SCHOOL	No	YARDS	TD	INT/G
Beasley	West Virginia	10	133	2	.83
Barber	Virginia	8	56	0	.73
Martin	Michigan State	7	41	0	.64
Jackson	Colorado State	6	71	0	.55
Crocker	Virginia	6	54	1	.55

KICK OFF RETURNS

NAME	SCHOOL	No	YARDS	TD	AVG/G
Moulds	Mississippi State	13	426	0	32.8
Mason	Michigan State	32	888	1	27.7
Wall	North Carolina	27	743	1	27.5
A. Smith	Kansas	17	448	1	26.3
S. Smith	Michigan	18	468	1	26.0

FIELD GOALS

NAME	SCHOOL	FGA	FG	Pct	FG/G
Hamilton	Michigan	29	24	.828	2.2
Chalberg	Minnesota	23	17	.739	1.7
Wales	Washington	25	18	.720	1.6
Parkman	Georgia	22	17	.773	1.5
Garcia	Virginia	22	17	.773	1.5

PUNT RETURNS

NAME	SCHOOL	No	YARDS	TD	AVG/G
Clay	Eastern Michigan	14	278	1	19.9
Silvan	Tennessee	15	272	0	18.1
Peterson	San Diego State	12	190	2	15.8
Alexander	Utah State	14	199	1	14.2
Kennison	LSU	36	439	1	12.2

PASSING

NAME	SCHOOL	ATT	COMP	Pct	INT	YARDS	TD	RATING
Wuerffel	Florida	171	109	63.7	9	1527	16	161.4
Knake	TCU	316	184	58.2	7	2624	24	148.6
Henry	Bowling Green	293	174	59.3	11	2368	25	147.9
Groh	Virginia	215	137	63.7	7	1708	13	143.9
Milanovich	Maryland	333	229	68.8	9	2394	20	143.6
Banks	Michigan State	238	145	60.9	6	2040	11	143.1
Maxwell	Nevada	447	271	60.6	15	3537	29	141.8
Powlus	Notre Dame	222	119	53.6	9	1729	19	139.2
Donati	Fresno State	263	152	57.8	9	2254	11	136.7
Hoying	Ohio State	274	159	58.0	13	2155	17	135.1

SCOPING THE NATION

Alliance Throws A Fiesta For College Football '95

BY JOHN HADLEY

Welcome to the brave new world of the Bowl Alliance National Championship*.

Excuse the major asterisk, but there's no way around it. Now that university presidents have snubbed a Division I-A football playoff and the money it would generate, the big bowls are taking a shot at it.

Their solution is imperfect, of course, but they're trying.

"Division I-A football isn't a tournament sport," said John Junker, executive director of the Fiesta Bowl.

Yet, with the formation of the College Bowl Alliance Association — not to be confused with that old, defunct, confusing bowl coalition — the sport is as close to a tournament as ever before ... and maybe as close as it's going to get for quite a while.

Here's how it will work this season:

- First of all, forget those old conference-bowl ties.
- The No. 1 team plays the No. 2 team in the Fiesta Bowl on prime time, Jan. 2.
- The Sugar Bowl will pit the No. 3 and No. 5 teams on prime time, Dec. 31.
- The Orange Bowl will have No. 4 vs. No. 6 on prime time, Jan. 1.

Next year, the Sugar Bowl gets to have the top two teams. The following year, it's the Orange. Then back to the Fiesta. And so on, with contracts signed for three years and an option for three more.

Did somebody say Rose Bowl? Now you know why the asterisk is so big.

With champions of the Big Ten and Pac-10 tied to the Rose Bowl each year, the Alliance will head into each season needing a little good fortune. More directly, that amounts to rooting for bad fortune for Big Ten and Pac-10 teams.

Too many spats like the 1991 Washington-Miami argument or the 1994 Nebraska-Penn State argument, and the Alliance will fail to carry the weight it needs to command the big network dollars that make this thing work.

"We're taking the sport prime time," said Junker, whose bowl gave college football its first real taste of a special championship game back in 1986.

At the end of that season, remember, the Fiesta snapped up Miami and Penn State, shocked the establishment by moving the game to Jan. 2, staged arguably the best college football event ever, and helped to change the way the postseason is viewed in the sport.

For good or for bad. "The Alliance three-day format will shine a bright spotlight on college football," Junker said. "We will cater to our customers: The fans, the players, the coaches, the athletic directors and the presidents. The value of the package is significant."

The Alliance, in all likelihood, will use both major polls in finalizing its seedings for the three games. Obviously, if anybody from the Big Ten or Pac-10 finishes No. 1 or even No. 2 (witness Penn State last year), this whole thing gets messed up.

And that's not unlikely this season, considering the strength of Penn State, Ohio State and Southern Cal — Top 10 teams all.

Like we said, it ain't perfect, but at least they're trying.

NEWSFLASH: IT'S ABOUT MONEY

As the Grand Daddy and the favorite of the networks, the Rose Bowl has always paid bushels of cash more than any other bowl. That's no longer true.

The networks realized the value of setting up sort of an anti-competition cartel, giving the Fiesta, Sugar and Orange prime time exclusivity on New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and Jan. 2. That value has turned out to be worth about \$50 million to college football for the three games each season, mostly through the TV contracts.

Divide that among the six participants, and it comes to about \$8.5 million apiece — more than twice as much as the Orange Bowl paid last year and almost three times as much as the Sugar and Fiesta bowls rewarded.

It's also nearly \$2 million per team more than the Rose Bowl has been paying, sparking a sudden, 50-percent increase in Rose Bowl ticket prices (they were woefully underpriced at \$48), while sending Pac-10 and Big Ten officials scrambling for ways to match the bowl revenue.

"We've added real sizzle to college football," Junker said. "The revenue generated by the Alliance is unheard of in college football."

All told, the four bowl games will send close to \$70 million into college athletics this season ... and the other 15 games will pump in roughly \$35 million more (minus expenses, of course).

BOWL TIE-INS ALIVE AND WELL

Although the Alliance has done away with specific tie-ins between the Fiesta, Orange and Sugar bowls, almost every other bowl has locked in a representative from a major conference.

The bowls and conference have queued up for one another right orderly. Here's a look at the conference affiliations:

ACC: 1, Fiesta. 2, Gator. 3, Peach. 4, Carquest (bowl's option).

Big 8/SWC: 1, Alliance. 2, Cotton. 3, Holiday. 4, Alamo.

5/6, Aloha/Copper.

Big East: 1, Alliance. 2, Gator. 3, Carquest.

Big Ten: 1, Rose. 2, Florida Citrus. 3, Outback. 4, Alamo. 5, Sun.

Pac-10: 1, Rose. 2, Cotton/Holiday. 3, Sun. 4, Aloha.

SEC: 1, Alliance. 2, Florida Citrus. 3, Gator. 4, Peach. 5, Carquest.

WAC: 1, Cotton/Holiday. 2, Copper.

Big West: 1, Las Vegas.

MAC: 1, Las Vegas.

THE MICHAEL JORDANS

Some players have a flair for the dramatic, a knack for coming through, an ability to rise to another level ... and some are just plain really, really good.

FOR CONTENDERS

These players are the heart of national contending teams. Without them, their respective teams drop a level.

- 1. Tommie Frazier** QB Nebraska
Did you tune into the Orange Bowl in January?
- 2. Peyton Manning** QB Tennessee
Can he win the Heisman Trophy as a sophomore?
- 3. Cedric Jones** DE Oklahoma
He's the school's best defender since Brian Bosworth.
- 4. Ron Powlus** QB Notre Dame
A mixture of John Elway and Dan Marino ... really.
- 5. Eric Moulds** WR Mississippi State
The school's most lethal offensive weapon ever?

FOR OTHERS

These players must carry their respective teams on their respective backs. While the teams might not enjoy ultra-success, without these players, winning at all might be just a dream.

- 1. Chris Darkins** RB Minnesota
School's best offensive player in a decade. Possible 1st rounder.
- 2. Stepfret Williams** WR NE Louisiana
He excels in key games despite being the focus of attention.
- 3. Henry Burris** QB Temple
Great passer who actually has the Owls believing the unbelievable.
- 4. Billy West** RB Pittsburgh
Nearly single-handedly upset Miami in '94 (189 yds. total offense.)
- 5. Toraino Singleton** RB Texas-El Paso
He's a poor man's Earl Campbell on the collegiate level.

UNDERRATED AND OVERLOOKED

When one dons the USC football jersey, lack of attention is the least of concerns. The nation's second-leading media market normally ensures overexposure. But once in a while, a player slips through the cracks.

That's the case with Trojans defensive end Israel Ifeanyi. A senior who transferred in before last season, he's rarely listed among the game's upper class of players, but he has certainly not gone unnoticed by NFL scouts.

Ifeanyi, an agile and durable athlete, is rated as a possible first-round selection. Here's a glance at the other 13 of the 14 most underrated/overlooked players in the country:

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|---|-----------|-------------------------|------------|
| Michael Blair | RB | Ball State | Jr. |
| <i>Power runner with the look of a future NFLer.</i> | | | |
| Brian Boykin | DE | Vanderbilt | Jr. |
| <i>He'll shine in D.C. Widenhofer's new scheme.</i> | | | |
| Scott Brunswick | WR | Toledo | Sr. |
| <i>As sweet a pair of pass-catching hands out there.</i> | | | |
| Jered Cherry | CB | California | Sr. |
| <i>Turned it up a notch in latter half of last year.</i> | | | |
| James Darling | LB | Washington State | Jr. |
| <i>Fought Mark Fields (1st rounder) for playing time.</i> | | | |

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| James Dexter | OT | South Carolina | Sr. |
| <i>An outstanding pass blocker.</i> | | | |
| Robert Edwards | CB | Georgia | Jr. |
| <i>Ranks as one of the nation's finest athletes in pads.</i> | | | |
| Bob Hallen | C | Kent | So. |
| <i>Starting to look like Kent's best since Jack Lambert.</i> | | | |
| Matt Harding | WR | Hawaii | Sr. |
| <i>A fine all-purpose player who has blocked 9 kicks.</i> | | | |
| Daryl Porter | CB | Boston College | Jr. |
| <i>Focus on BC's offense overshadows Eagle defenders.</i> | | | |
| Alshermond Singleton | LB | Temple | Jr. |
| <i>Part of Owls' best set of LBs in 20 years.</i> | | | |
| Malcolm Thomas | RB | Syracuse | Jr. |
| <i>Quietly evolved into SU's best since Joe Morris.</i> | | | |
| E.J. Watson | FB | Colorado State | Sr. |
| <i>A rugged player who thrives in clutch situations.</i> | | | |

TOP NEWCOMERS

They didn't get to play last year, but expect these players to have an immediate impact:

OFFENSE

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|--|-----------|----------------|------------|
| Josh Bradley | TE | La Tech | So. |
| <i>Transfer from LSU provides offensive adrenaline.</i> | | | |
| Jermaine McDowell | RB | Wyoming | Jr. |
| <i>Insiders think he's offensive savior for Cowboys.</i> | | | |
| Ricky Williams | RB | Texas | Fr. |
| <i>Viewed as a matured athlete with superior skills.</i> | | | |
| Isaiah Mustafa | WR | ASU | Jr. |
| <i>Brings QB Jake Plummer much-needed help.</i> | | | |
| Steve Sarkisian | QB | BYU | Jr. |
| <i>LaVell Edwards has confidence in him. 'Nuf said.</i> | | | |

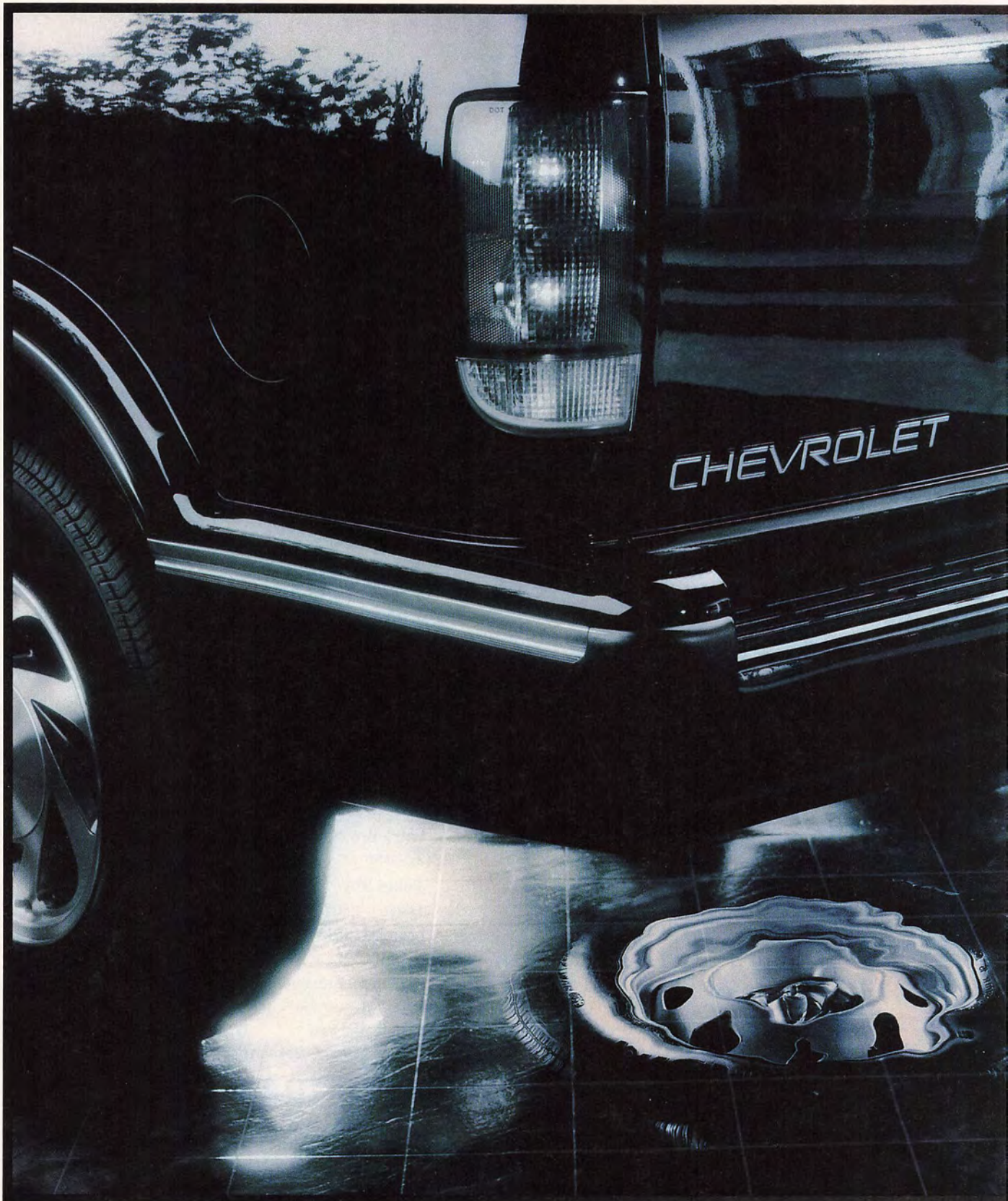
DEFENSE

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|---|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| Willie Brown | LB | Temple | Jr. |
| <i>Transfer from Alabama brings skill and attitude.</i> | | | |
| James Irby | LB | Texas A&M | Jr. |
| <i>Typical Aggies-type 'backer: Lean, mean, active.</i> | | | |
| Leonard Little | DE | Tennessee | So. |
| <i>Already has earned starting job (in spring).</i> | | | |
| Daylon McCutcheon | CB | Southern Cal | Fr. |
| <i>Son of former Ram Lawrence; will return kicks.</i> | | | |
| Reggie McGrew | DT | Florida | Fr. |
| <i>Will lengthen Gators' run of superior D-linemen.</i> | | | |

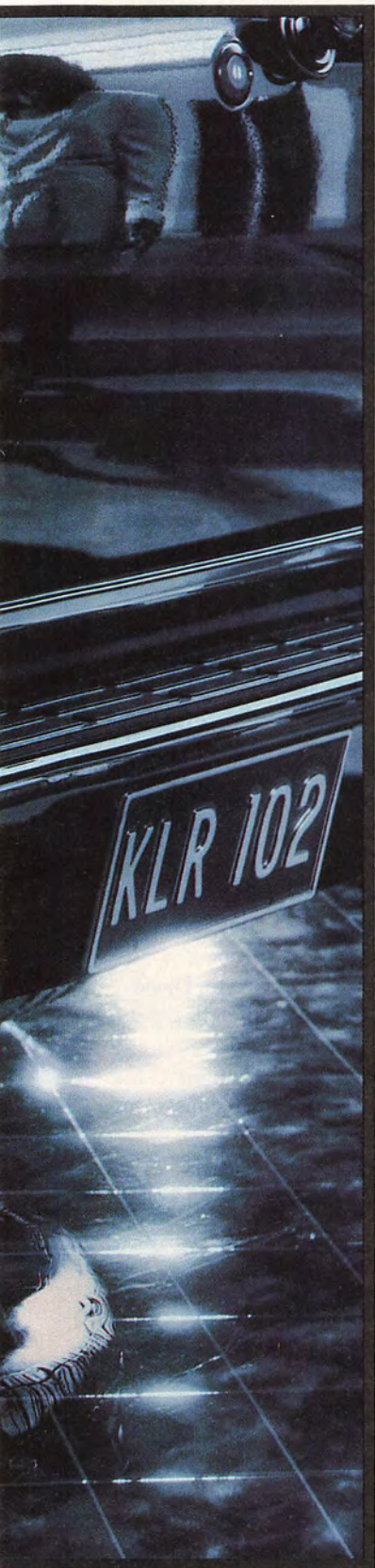
TAKE IT TO THE BANK

Here are a few predictions for the remainder of the '90s:

- Oklahoma coach Howard Schnellenberger will win a national title and retire. It shouldn't take him more than five years. He wants to ride into the sunset a hero. Don't bet against him.
- At least half-dozen bowl games will bite the dust beginning with the Las Vegas, Freedom, Independence and Sun bowls in



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the near future.

- The Big 12 will become college football's best conference top-to-bottom.
- ESPN's Chris Fowler will replace ABC's Keith Jackson as Mr. College Football.
- Bo Schembechler will return to alma mater Miami of Ohio, a la Jerry Tarkanian at Fresno State. OK, so this one's a longshot.

THE MEASURE OF A COACH

There was a time when Army and the Ivy League were college football's powers. There was a time when the Southwest Conference was ... well, when there was a Southwest Conference. And there was even a time when Virginia was considered the worst football program in America.

That was, of course, B.W. — Before Welsh.

Before George Welsh arrived, Virginia was strictly a basketball school. Times have changed, and Welsh is the one who changed them in Charlottesville. Consider:

- In his 13 years at Virginia, the Cavs have 11 winning seasons. Prior to his arrival, they had two in 29 years.
- Welsh has won 89 games at UVA in 13 years. The school had 89 wins in its previous 29 years.
- Virginia has played in seven bowl games ... all under Welsh.

Welsh's accomplishments at Virginia are phenomenal, although no more impressive than his record at Navy. Consider:

- He coached Navy for nine years, posting five winning records. Before he arrived, the Middies had one winning mark in the previous nine. Since his departure, Navy has one winning season in 13 years.

- The Naval Academy has attended eight bowl games. Three were under Welsh's tutelage. The Middies have been bowlless since his departure.
- In the past 30 years, the Middies have averaged 3.2 victories a season when somebody other than Welsh has been coaching them.

They averaged twice as many with him in Annapolis.

Put the two together, and the very real question becomes:

"Is George Welsh college football's best coach?"

With the Bowdens, Osbornes and Paternos of the world, it's difficult to definitively rank Welsh as the best, but he is clearly the most underrated, overlooked and underappreciated of head coaches.

2. Don Nehlen, West Virginia: The Mountaineers concluded two regular seasons unbeaten and have become a Top 25-staple and bowl regular. But it's not enough for many demanding alums.

3. Hayden Fry, Iowa: The Hawkeyes are battling through a short down cycle, but don't forget this job was considered a graveyard shift before the man behind the glasses moved to Iowa City.

4. Frank Beamer, Va. Tech: One of the nation's true up-and-comers, Beamer has the program in terrific shape. Don't be surprised to see the Hokies win the Big East this season.

5. R.C. Slocum, Texas A&M: He's taken the Aggies to the next level, replacing Jackie Sherrill. Slocum has endured probation, high staff turnover (mainly upward), and a pitiful conference reputation. He and the Aggies will get to prove their mettle in the Big 12.

THE BEST

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|---|-------------------|
| 1. Joe Paterno | Penn State |
| <i>Coaches come and go, but legends are worth savoring.</i> | |
| 2. George Welsh | Virginia |
| <i>A true builder, gets more out of players than anyone.</i> | |
| 3. Lou Holtz | Notre Dame |
| <i>He's taken a record four different programs to bowls.</i> | |
| 4. Terry Bowden | Auburn |
| <i>What he's done in difficult circumstances is incredible.</i> | |
| 5. Steve Spurrier | Florida |
| <i>It's nice to see an innovator in a prominent post.</i> | |

RISING STARS

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|---|----------------------|
| 1. Phil Fulmer | Tennessee |
| <i>Taking UT to next level. Expect Vols to become Top 5-staple.</i> | |
| 2. Barry Alvarez | Wisconsin |
| <i>He's been at the top of many lists, including Miami.</i> | |
| 3. Frank Beamer | Virginia Tech |
| <i>On verge of becoming NFL-ready ... and they're watching.</i> | |

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4. Mike O'Cain

N.C. State

Overshadowed by stature of former mentor Dick Sheridan.

5. Sonny Lubick

Colorado State

Rams might replace BYU as WAC's national contender.

SHOULD BE HEAD COACHES

1. Bob Davie	Defensive Coordinator	Notre Dame
2. Artie Gigantino	Defensive Coordinator	California
3. Bill Oliver	Defensive Coordinator	Alabama
4. Mike Riley	Offensive Coordinator	Southern Cal
5. Brad Childress	Offensive Coordinator	Wisconsin

CAN'T TOUCH EDDIE

While much is made of the accomplishment (and rightfully so) of a coach reaching the 200-victory milestone, here's something to chew on: Grambling's Eddie Robinson will reach 400 this season. **400!**

Entering his 53rd year in coaching, Robinson is 397-143-15.

Nobody else has more than Bear Bryant's 323, but John Gagliardi of St. John's, Minn., is only six wins from matching the Bear.

THE SPOILERS?

Coming off two years of no-bowl probation, Washington will probably not be playing for the national championship, but the Huskies may have a big hand in determining just who will.

Coach Jim Lambright's team faces three Top 10 teams:

- **Sept. 16 at Ohio State:** The Buckeyes have 19 days to get

stale after opening against Boston College in the Kickoff Classic.

- **Oct. 7 vs. Notre Dame:** The Irish will be fresh off a trip to Ohio State and the five-hour flight to Seattle could be upsetting.

- **Oct. 28 vs. USC:** The Trojans spend the previous week at Notre Dame, where they have not won since 1981.

SCHEDULE BY CHARMIN

New Louisville coach Ron Cooper has a tough act to follow, taking over for Howard Schnellenberger, who left for Oklahoma. But by going from Eastern Michigan to Louisville, Cooper walks into an schedule that offers more soft touches than Mr. Whipple.

Let's break it down, with opponents' 1994 W-L record:

- **at Kentucky (1-10):** Worst team in SEC.
- **at Northern Illinois (5-6):** Fifth-place team in Big West.
- **Michigan State (5-6):** Toughest opponent?
- **North Carolina (8-4):** Only 1994 bowl team on the slate.
- **at Memphis (6-5):** Sort of a rivalry.
- **at Southern Miss (6-5):** Another 6-5 power.
- **at Wyoming (6-6):** Second-division team from WAC.
- **Maryland (4-7):** Second-division team from ACC.
- **Tulane (1-10):** Ranks No. 105 on our list of the 108 teams.
- **NE Louisiana (3-8):** Would be second division in any league.
- **North Texas (7-4-1):** Taking a step up to Division I-A this year.

It adds up to a combined 1994 record of 52-71-1. And just in case the Cardinals need to rally after playing three teams in a row that each won (horrors!) six games last year, their last four games are at home against three teams that were a combined 8-25, and another that was in Division I-AA.

SCHEDULE FROM HADES

While we're at it, let's compare Louisville's schedule to, say, Temple's. The Owls, who cannot afford to be giving up any advantage they might have, plays only five home games after selling the season opener to Kansas State for a reported \$300,000.

Coach Ron Dickerson continues to try to rebuild the Temple program, but faces the following:

- Seven 1994 bowl teams.
- Opponents with a combined 82-38-2 record last year.
- A three-game stretch to open the season against teams with a combined 28-8 record last year (Kansas State, West Virginia, Penn State). With 9-2 Bowling Green next, that means the Owls' first four opponents were a combined 37-10 last season.

Let's not forget that Temple was 2-9 last year with the wins coming against Army and Akron. All four non-conference foes had a winning record last year, and, incredibly, much-improved Pitt is the only team the Owls face that had a losing record last season. So don't blame Dickerson if his team goes 0-11. They might be significantly better, but the record might not show it.

THE TOP HONORS CANDIDATES

HEISMAN TROPHY

(OUTSTANDING PLAYER)

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|---------------------|----|---------------|
| 1. Danny Kanell | QB | Florida State |
| 2. Keyshawn Johnson | WR | Southern Cal |
| 3. Tommie Frazier | QB | Nebraska |
| 4. Stephen Davis | RB | Auburn |
| 5. Leeland McElroy | RB | Texas A&M |

DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD

(BEST QUARTERBACK)

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|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Danny Kanell | Florida State |
| 2. Tommie Frazier | Nebraska |
| 3. Peyton Manning | Tennessee |
| 4. Ron Powlus | Notre Dame |
| 5. Danny Wuerffel | Florida |

DOAK WALKER AWARD

(BEST RUNNING BACK)

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|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. Stephen Davis | Auburn |
| 2. Leeland McElroy | Texas A&M |
| 3. Mike Alstott | Purdue |
| 4. Eddie George | Ohio State |
| 5. Warrick Dunn | Florida State |

FRED BILETNEKOFF AWARD

(BEST RECEIVER)

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|---------------------|--------------|
| 1. Keyshawn Johnson | Southern Cal |
| 2. Bobby Engram | Penn State |
| 3. Kevin Jordan | UCLA |
| 4. Amani Toomer | Michigan |
| 5. Derrick Mayes | Notre Dame |

OUTLAND TROPHY

(BEST INTERIOR LINEMAN)

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|--------------------|----|----------------|
| 1. Kenard Lang | DE | Miami |
| 2. Marcus Jones | DT | North Carolina |
| 3. Jeff Hartings | OG | Penn State |
| 4. Jonathan Ogden | OT | UCLA |
| 5. Willie Anderson | OT | Auburn |

LOMBARDI TROPHY

(BEST LINEMAN/LINEBACKER)

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|-------------------|-----|----------------|
| 1. Simeon Rice | OLB | Illinois |
| 2. Kenard Lang | DE | Miami |
| 3. Marcus Jones | DT | North Carolina |
| 4. Jeff Hartings | OG | Penn State |
| 5. Jonathan Ogden | OT | UCLA |

BUTKUS AWARD

(BEST LINEBACKER)

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|-------------------|-----|----------|
| 1. Simeon Rice | OLB | Illinois |
| 2. Donnie Edwards | OLB | UCLA |
| 3. Ray Lewis | LB | Miami |
| 4. Kevin Hardy | OLB | Illinois |
| 5. Jeremy Asher | ILB | Oregon |

JIM THORPE TROPHY

(BEST DEFENSIVE BACK)

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|------------------|----|----------------|
| 1. Ray Farmer | S | Duke |
| 2. Greg Myers | S | Colorado State |
| 3. Lawyer Milloy | S | Washington |
| 4. Aaron Beasley | CB | West Virginia |
| 5. Carlos Jones | CB | Miami |

LINDY'S TEAM OF THE HALF-DECADE

Believe it or not, we're officially halfway through the 1990s, which means we're halfway to establishing the Team of the Decade.

So here's a sneak preview ... we'll call it the Team of the Half-Decade. Lots of difficult decisions, of course, but the toughest had to be being forced to choose between Ty Detmer and Charlie Ward. Notice that many of the very best college players are just that: The very best college players. Superstars like Ward, Detmer, Desmond Howard, Raghib Ismail and others have not made the big splash in pro football. But that didn't matter a bit to our selection panel.

We were looking for the best players in college football from 1990 to 1994. And here they are:

OFFENSE

QB	Charlie Ward	Florida State
RB	Marshall Faulk	San Diego State
	Rashaan Salaam	Colorado
WR	Desmond Howard	Michigan
	J.J. Stokes	UCLA
TE	Kyle Brady	Penn State
OL	Aaron Taylor	Notre Dame
	Tony Boselli	Southern Cal
	Zach Wiegert	Nebraska
	Greg Skrepanek	Michigan
	Jay Leeuwenberg	Colorado
AP	Raghib Ismail	Notre Dame
PK	Jason Hanson	Washington State

DEFENSE

DL	Steve Emtman	Washington
	Chris Zorich	Notre Dame
	Russell Maryland	Miami
	Warren Sapp	Miami
LB	Robert Jones	East Carolina
	Trev Alberts	Nebraska
	Marvin Jones	Florida State
DB	Carlton McDonald	Air Force
	Dale Carter	Tennessee
	Kevin Smith	Texas A&M
	Antonio Langham	Alabama
P	Todd Sauerbrun	West Virginia

Top Offensive Player: Marshall Faulk, San Diego State

Top Defensive Player: Steve Emtman, Washington

Coach: Fred Goldsmith, Rice/Duke

BOWL GAMES FOR 1995 SEASON

LAS VEGAS	Las Vegas, Nev. Big West #1 vs. MAC #1	Dec. 14
JEEP EAGLE ALOHA	Honolulu, Hi. Pac-10 #4 vs. Big 8/SWC #5 or 6	Dec. 25
WEISER LOCK COPPER	Tucson, Ariz. WAC #2 vs. Big 8/SWC #5 or 6	Dec. 27
BUILDERS SQUARE ALAMO	San Antonio, Tex. Big 8/SWC #4 vs. Big Ten #4	Dec. 28
FREEDOM	Anaheim, Calif. At-large vs. At-large	Dec. 28
INDEPENDENCE	Shreveport, La. At-large vs. At-large	Dec. 29
PLYMOUTH HOLIDAY	San Diego, Calif. Big 8/SWC #3 vs. WAC #1 or Pac-10 #2	Dec. 29
SUN	El Paso, Tex. Pac-10 #3 vs. Big Ten #5	Dec. 29
CARQUEST	Miami, Fla. Big East #3 vs. SEC #5 or ACC #4	Dec. 30
ST. JUDE LIBERTY	Memphis, Tenn. Midwest Independent vs. At-large	Dec. 30
PEACH	Atlanta, Ga. ACC #3 vs. SEC #4	Dec. 30
NOKIA SUGAR	New Orleans, La. Alliance selections #4 and #6	Dec. 31
GATOR	Jacksonville, Fla. ACC #2 vs. Big East #2	Jan. 1
OUTBACK	Tampa, Fla. Big Ten #3 vs. SEC #3	Jan. 1
COMPUSA FLORIDA CITRUS	Orlando, Fla. Big Ten #2 vs. SEC #2	Jan. 1
COTTON	Dallas, Tex. Big 8/SWC #2 vs. Pac-10 #2 or WAC #1	Jan. 1
ROSE	Pasadena, Calif. Big Ten #1 vs. Pac-10 #1	Jan. 1
FEDEX ORANGE	Miami, Fla. Alliance selections #3 and #5	Jan. 1
FIESTA	Tempe, Ariz. Alliance selections #1 and #2	Jan. 2

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RATING THE TEAMS...all of them

1	Florida State	Plenty of offensive firepower and defensive depth.	55	Missouri	Grass roots movement, but not in standings.
2	Nebraska	Defending champs have tougher row to hoe back to No. 1.	56	Maryland	Prolific offense, but non-prolific defense.
3	Southern Cal	Robinson leads Troy Boys back to high-rent district.	57	Stanford	Willingham takes over for Walsh, gets down to business.
4	Penn State	Nittany Lions continue to roll: 17-game winning streak.	58	Louisville	Program peaked three years ago... now at crossroads.
5	Florida	Gators have too much offense, just enough defense.	59	Purdue	Defense may have too far to come against brutal skedule.
6	Auburn	Now eligible, Tigers catch Florida and Bama at home.	60	Air Force	If QB Bo Morgan produces big, Falcons could surprise.
7	Texas A&M	The next league game Aggies lose will be in Big 12.	61	Arizona State	Sun Devils continue to sink to bottom of the Pac.
8	Ohio State	Cooper's program finally seems to have arrived.	62	Pittsburgh	After successive 3-8 marks, improved but how much?
9	Notre Dame	Way too much talent for a second straight lousy year.	63	Vanderbilt	Dowhower reintroduces Commodores to forward pass.
10	Alabama	Tide will miss late-game heroics of QB Jay Barker.	64	San Diego State	Tollner continues to retool traditional underachievers.
11	Miami	Davis takes over Hurricanes amid brewing storm.	65	Memphis	Competitive program can't get over the hump.
12	Tennessee	Vols are improved, but biggest games are on the road.	66	Northwestern	Wildcats have enough experience to avoid Big Ten cellar.
13	Michigan	Wolverines could turn loss of Moeller into spark.	67	Mississippi	Stiff probation relegates Rebs to SEC West wasteland.
14	UCLA	NFL can wait for Bruin stars in search of Pac-10 title.	68	Rice	A sound, well-coached program that lacks big guns.
15	Colorado	Neuheisel takes over for McCartney, plays it Koy.	69	Minnesota	Not enough to go with Darkins to improve appreciably.
16	Oregon	Scent of Roses, 16 returning starters have Ducks flying high.	70	Wyoming	'Pokes will score points, but opponents will score more.
17	Oklahoma	Return to glory days in Norman... or Howard's end?	71	Nevada	Chris Ault and Pack: 2 of best-kept secrets in country.
18	Virginia Tech	Hokies look like this year's rising star in polls.	72	New Mexico	Lobos are no longer merely the bottom dwellers of WAC.
19	Texas	Longhorns may be ready to take big step up.	73	Bowling Green	MAC's best program features exciting QB in Ryan Henry.
20	Virginia	Cavs can move up with late-season success.	74	Tulsa	Did this team really go to a bowl game four years ago?
21	Wisconsin	Badgers won't slip back to pre-1993 dark ages.	75	Oklahoma State	New coach Simmons is 2 months away from a reality check.
22	N.C. State	Tremayne Stephens will run 'Pack to 8th straight bowl.	76	Western Michigan	Broncos boast solid offensive backfield.
23	West Virginia	Mountaineers' offense could precipitate another climb.	77	SMU	Believe it or not, Mustangs are showing signs of life.
24	Kansas State	America's softest schedule leads Wildcats to 8 wins.	78	Kentucky	Wildcats strive to avoid another winless SEC season.
25	California	These Bears could be Golden with major rebound.	79	Georgia Tech	New coach O'Leary looks for answers to 9-loss streak.
26	North Carolina	Need to find help for star DT Marcus Jones on defense.	80	Army	Will Akili King return to fine 1993 form? (110 ypg)
27	Baylor	Reedy ready to build momentum toward Big 12 merger.	81	Texas-El Paso	Toraino Singleton is a bulldozer in the backfield.
28	Arizona	They missed their big 1994 chance, so Wildcats regroup.	82	Wake Forest	Hoops season can't arrive too soon in Winston-Salem.
29	Boston College	Tough schedule, but has the talent to compete.	83	Northeast LA	WR Stepfret Williams: a great player with a great name.
30	Washington	Still talented, but probation ruined depth.	84	Iowa State	New coach McCarney faces same old problems in Ames.
31	Illinois	Slowly, Tepper seems to be building a solid program.	85	Southwestern LA	DE Jeff Mitchell is the best in the Big West.
32	South Carolina	Gamecocks are on an uptick after first bowl win.	86	Hawaii	Too many other teams raid the Islands of FB talent.
33	Louisiana State	DiNardo will work first-year magic with veteran team.	87	Northern Illinois	Huskies have talent to make a run at Las Vegas Bowl.
34	Indiana	If Hoosiers find some LBs, this team could arrive.	88	Temple	Even with wide-open offense, Owls are at a disadvantage.
35	Brigham Young	Cougars look to start another WAC title streak.	89	Utah State	Aggies have ability to get up for big games.
36	Iowa	This program has seen better days: 3-year mark is 16-18-1.	90	Ball State	RB Michael Blair is a top-notch all-purpose player.
37	Georgia	It's now or never time for Ray Goff in Athens.	91	New Mexico State	WR Lucious Davis and TE Sean Manuel key Aggies' attack.
38	Texas Christian	Horned Frogs keep opposing defenses hopping.	92	Eastern Michigan	New coach Rasnick will revive middling MAC program.
39	Mississippi State	Bulldogs fade after losing 1-2 punch at RB.	93	Nevada-Las Vegas	Heavy personnel losses downgrade Las Vegas Bowl champ.
40	Michigan State	Must rebuild both lines... that's not good in Big Ten.	94	San Jose State	New stadium in 1995, new conference (WAC) in 1996.
41	Kansas	Jayhawks settle into middling Big Eight existence.	95	Toledo	Rockets have MAC's top offensive skill-position players.
42	Washington State	Cougars must replace virtually entire defense.	96	Central Michigan	Which way CMU? Chips are at a fork in the road.
43	Southern Miss	Eagles take on SEC powers in quest for respect.	97	Houston	This program is so low it looks up at a snake's belly.
44	Syracuse	Young Orangemen are far from ripe.	98	Miami (Ohio)	Once-proud program still in downward spiral.
45	East Carolina	Pirates set sail in search of Liberty.	99	North Texas	Solid Div. I-AA program steps up to play with big boys.
46	Fresno State	Sweeney needs six wins to reach 200 milestone.	100	Cincinnati	44 years since bowl is longest dry stretch for any team.
47	Duke	Can Goldsmith work his magic again?	101	Navy	Middies win about as often as the Washington Generals.
48	Colorado State	Rams need near miracle to match '94 Rocky Mountain High.	102	Pacific	Snapped streak of 17 losing seasons last year.
49	Oregon State	Believe it or not, Beavers could be in bowl hunt.	103	Louisiana Tech	Key JC recruit Lee Ragsdale (RB) could spur resurgence.
50	Arkansas	Hog fans still waiting for Ford's Midas touch.	104	Akron	Can the Zips ever recover from Gerry Faust's zapping?
51	Clemson	ACC's worst offense needs spark to help solid defense.	105	Kent	Flashes return 10 offensive starters... is that good?
52	Texas Tech	The comfort of Cotton has whole new meaning in '95.	106	Tulane	Great city, great facility, bad football team. Real bad.
53	Rutgers	Knights may score enough to earn rare bowl bid.	107	Arkansas State	This program made a mistake by going to Div. I-A.
54	Utah	Utes in a rebuilding mode after 3 straight bowl games.	108	Ohio U.	Welcome to college football's Doormat U.

SCOPING THE NATION

SCOPING THE ACC

HOW THEY'LL FINISH

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|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. FLORIDA STATE | 4. NORTH CAROLINA | 7. MARYLAND |
| 2. N.C. STATE | 5. DUKE | 8. GEORGIA TECH |
| 3. VIRGINIA | 6. CLEMSON | 9. WAKE FOREST |

TOP 10 PLAYERS

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|----------------------|-------|----------------|---|
| 1. Marcus Jones | DT | North Carolina | Superb athlete who is 6-6, 278, and can run. |
| 2. Danny Kanell | QB | Florida State | Leader and star of eventual No. 1 team. |
| 3. Ray Farmer | DB | Duke | Great safety, uncanny kick blocker. |
| 4. Tremayne Stephens | RB | N.C. State | The purest of tailback talents. |
| 5. Warrick Dunn | RB | Florida State | Most complete package in any backfield. |
| 6. Marcus Wall | WR/AP | North Carolina | 1994: 19.6 yards per catch, and 27.5 per KOR. |
| 7. Leon Johnson | RB | North Carolina | Versatile, durable and will get the ball. |
| 8. Ronde Barber | DB | Virginia | His eight picks in '94 were no accident. |
| 9. Jermaine Lewis | WR | Maryland | Much more than a run-and-shoot product. |
| 10. Will Brice | P | Virginia | Hate to put kickers here, but he's great. |

IN A NUTSHELL

Three years ago, Florida State joined the ACC, and the conference has never been the same. Virginia, North Carolina, Duke and Clemson have been staging some nice races for second place, and this year we see N.C. State as the team most likely to succeed.

But second place is all that is attainable. FSU has won each and every one of its 24 games against its ACC brethren, and there's no reason to expect the Seminoles to slow down for any of them on the way to their second national championship in three years.

SCOPING THE BIG EAST

HOW THEY'LL FINISH

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| 1. MIAMI | 4. BOSTON COLLEGE | 7. PITTSBURGH |
| 2. VIRGINIA TECH | 5. SYRACUSE | 8. TEMPLE |
| 3. WEST VIRGINIA | 6. RUTGERS | |

TOP 10 PLAYERS

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|---------------------|-----|---------------|--|
| 1. Ray Lewis | ILB | Miami | He's making good on freshman boasts. |
| 2. Aaron Beasley | CB | West Virginia | Makes a habit of big plays (11 INTs in '94). |
| 3. Kenard Lang | DE | Miami | A raw force on way to becoming awesome. |
| 4. Carlos Jones | CB | Miami | As a pure cover guy, he has few peers. |
| 5. Terrell Willis | RB | Rutgers | Tremendous talent struggled at times in '94. |
| 6. Lance Johnstone | LB | Temple | Has shown some real flashes of brilliance. |
| 7. Marvin Harrison | WR | Syracuse | More than just another Orange deep threat. |
| 8. K.C. Jones | C | Miami | Pound-for-pound as good as 'Canes have had. |
| 9. Billy West | RB | Pittsburgh | Has quietly emerged as an outstanding back. |
| 10. Marco Battaglia | TE | Rutgers | Look closely: You might see Dave Casper. |

IN A NUTSHELL

With all the problems Miami has run into, perhaps the Hurricanes have blown themselves out. But don't count on it. New coach Butch Davis has instituted a new sense of urgency in Coral Gables, and all of the "distractions" could only serve to fortify this program.

Virginia Tech is a real comer of a program, and Don Nehlen always has West Virginia prepared to play well. BC has gained some consistency in the program to go with its big wins. Still, top to bottom, this league does not rate with other major conferences.

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SCOPING THE BIG EIGHT

HOW THEY'LL FINISH

1. NEBRASKA
2. COLORADO
3. OKLAHOMA
4. KANSAS ST.
5. KANSAS
6. MISSOURI
7. OKLAHOMA ST.
8. IOWA STATE

TOP 10 PLAYERS

1. Cedric Jones	DE	Oklahoma	OU's best defensive lineman in a decade.
2. Tommie Frazier	QB	Nebraska	Has all the skills; epitome of a winner.
3. Lawrence Phillips	RB	Nebraska	Overshadowed by his own O-line last year.
4. Tim Colston	DT	Kansas State	Some say he's too small, we say too good.
5. Kerry Hicks	DT	Colorado	If his back holds up, he's leading man.
6. Jevon Langford	DE	Oklahoma State	Absolutely quick, absolutely relentless.
7. Bryan Stoltzberg	C	Colorado	Was a key to Heisman; how about Outland?
8. Greg Jones	DE	Colorado	Shift from OLB will make him even better.
9. Brook Berringer	QB	Nebraska	This QB controversy is legitimate.
10. Broderick Simpson	OLB	Oklahoma	Nobody is better at running to the ball.

IN A NUTSHELL

Half of the teams in the league are working in new coaches, from craggy veteran Howard Schnellenberger at Oklahoma to 34-year-old Rick Neuheisel at Colorado. The others are Bob Simmons and Dan McCarney, at OSU and ISU, where it doesn't really matter who the coach is.

In the meantime, there's that Big Red machine rolling along. And we do mean rolling. With the nation's best backfield, a traditionally strong offensive line and continued emphasis on defensive speed, Team Tom shows no signs of slowing.

SCOPING THE BIG TEN

HOW THEY'LL FINISH

1. PENN STATE
2. OHIO STATE
3. MICHIGAN
4. WISCONSIN
5. ILLINOIS
6. INDIANA
7. IOWA
8. MICHIGAN STATE
9. PURDUE
10. NORTHWESTERN
11. MINNESOTA

TOP 10 PLAYERS

1. Simeon Rice	OLB	Illinois	Stayed in school — bad news for Big Ten QBs.
2. Eddie George	RB	Ohio State	A big, hard-running back with speed.
3. Bobby Engram	WR	Penn State	Biletnikoff winner makes all the plays.
4. Kevin Hardy	OLB	Illinois	Does a lot of everything in Illini defense.
5. Amani Toomer	WR	Michigan	Most acrobatic of all in great year for WRs.
6. Jeff Hartings	OG	Penn State	No. 1 man on the No. 1 O-Line in the country.
7. Chris Darkins	RB	Minnesota	Super talent will surprise people in NFL.
8. Mike Alstott	FB	Purdue	College football's best fullback in a decade.
9. Orlando Pace	OT	Ohio State	A tag-team thing with Kory (NFL) Stringer.
10. Darrell Bevell	QB	Wisconsin	Now 25 years old, has he reached potential?

IN A NUTSHELL

Penn State lost a lot of talent from the team that dominated the Big Ten like it has rarely been dominated before, but the Nittany Lions still have the stuff to extend their 17-game winning streak for a while. But it won't be as easy.

Ohio State and Michigan are still smarting from the way Penn State chortled past them last season. With Gary Moeller bombing out of the Michigan program during the summer, the Wolverines have sort of an unknown quality to them this year.

SCOPING THE PAC-TEN

HOW THEY'LL FINISH

1. SOUTHERN CAL
2. UCLA
3. OREGON
4. CALIFORNIA
5. ARIZONA
6. WASHINGTON
7. WASHINGTON STATE
8. OREGON STATE
9. STANFORD
10. ARIZONA STATE

TOP 10 PLAYERS

1. Keyshawn Johnson	WR	USC	Has it all ... this year's version of Jerry Rice.
2. Regan Upshaw	DE	Cal	At 6-4, 270, he runs like a linebacker.
3. Jonathan Ogden	OT	UCLA	When he decided to return, Bruin hopes soared.
4. Donnie Edwards	OLB	UCLA	Covers backs, overpowers tight ends, sacks QBs.
5. Lawyer Milloy	FS	Washington	Best safety in the country; a man out there.
6. Jeremy Asher	TE	Oregon	A do-it-all linebacker who really runs and hits.
7. Kevin Jordan	WR	UCLA	No longer will he be overshadowed by Stokes.
8. Alex Molden	CB	Oregon	He covers best WRs in the best passing league.
9. Richard Dice	WR	Arizona	Tall and fast, he makes the big, clutch plays.
10. Dwayne Sanders	DE	WSU	Still learning as a senior, unlimited potential.

IN A NUTSHELL

It's USC's year in the Pac-10. Entering his third season back at Troy, coach John Robinson appears to have the Trojans geared for a big year in 1996, but with the way the schedule breaks, they could arrive early.

Robinson coached USC's 1978 national championship team, and now he's building for another run. UCLA, Oregon, California

and Arizona figure to contest USC in the Rose Bowl race.

If razor-thin Washington is able to avoid injuries, the Huskies could work themselves into the race in November, too, now that they are off probation. Watch for Oregon State to out-leg Stanford and Arizona State in avoiding the cellar and perhaps attain its first winning season since 1971.

SCOPING THE SEC

HOW THEY'LL FINISH

EAST

1. FLORIDA
2. TENNESSEE
3. SOUTH CAROLINA
4. GEORGIA
5. VANDERBILT
6. KENTUCKY

WEST

1. AUBURN
2. ALABAMA
3. LSU
4. MISSISSIPPI ST.
5. ARKANSAS
6. MISSISSIPPI

TOP 10 PLAYERS

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|--------------------|-------|-------------|--|
| 1. Stephen Davis | RB | Auburn | Best to bless the Plains since that Bo guy. |
| 2. Willie Anderson | OT | Auburn | Absolutely buries people in front of Davis. |
| 3. Eric Moulds | WR/AP | Miss. State | Marvelous open-field runner with good size. |
| 4. Peyton Manning | QB | Tennessee | Nat'l title and Heisman aren't pipe dreams. |
| 5. Dwayne Curry | ILB | Miss. State | He's a big hitter. A BIG hitter. Really big. |
| 6. Gabe Northern | DE | LSU | Scary blowing in from the corner. |
| 7. DeShea Townsend | CB | Alabama | This guy might top this list next year. |
| 8. Shannon Brown | DT | Alabama | Keeping up the school's DL tradition. |
| 9. Anthony Harris | OLB | Auburn | One of toughest players to block in America. |
| 10. Fred Taylor | RB | Florida | Rugged runner who never goes down easily. |

IN A NUTSHELL

After watching from NCAA jail the past two seasons, Terry Bowden's Auburn Tigers finally get their chance to take a run at the SEC Championship Game. Of course, Alabama, Florida and Tennessee will have something to say about it.

It looks like a year with two good races, as four Top 10 teams butt heads. Watch for South Carolina and LSU to make some serious inroads and score a major upset or two. Georgia could be poised for a surge ... at least it had better for Ray Goff to keep his job.

SCOPING THE SWC

HOW THEY'LL FINISH

1. TEXAS A&M
2. TEXAS
3. BAYLOR
4. TEXAS CHRISTIAN

5. TEXAS TECH
6. RICE
7. SOUTHERN METHODIST
8. HOUSTON

TOP 10 PLAYERS

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|---------------------|-----|------------|--|
| 1. Leeland McElroy | RB | Texas A&M | Now the main man, he could be Mr. Heisman. |
| 2. Brandon Mitchell | DE | Texas A&M | Compared to Sam Adams, but more intense. |
| 3. Tony Brackens | DE | Texas | When he is on, few players get more done. |
| 4. Andre Davis | RB | TCU | He's a very complete, underrated back. |
| 5. Zach Thomas | ILB | Texas Tech | Reliable force epitomizes gutty Red Raiders. |
| 6. Ray Mickens | CB | Texas A&M | He can really cover, but he's only 5-8. |
| 7. Chris Cooley | OG | Rice | A big, burly fellow who can get after it. |
| 8. Adrian Robinson | SS | Baylor | Big-time hitter who roams with authority. |
| 9. Bryant Westbrook | CB | Texas | An injury-plagued '94 slowed development. |
| 10. Fred Miller | OT | Baylor | His best ball may be in NFL. |

IN A NUTSHELL

The Aggies get one last shot at the national championship, since next year they'll be playing in the Big 12 Conference and their path to glory will be immeasurably more difficult than it is in the Southworst.

Last year was fun for the rest of the league while A&M watched from the NCAA-mandated sideline. Fun while it lasted, but Rocky the Good Ag is back and that means it won't even be a race by mid-November. That means you, too, Longhorns, even though Texas will be improved.

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SCOPING THE WAC

HOW THEY'LL FINISH

1. BRIGHAM YOUNG
2. COLORADO STATE
3. FRESNO STATE
4. UTAH
5. AIR FORCE
6. WYOMING
7. SAN DIEGO STATE
8. NEW MEXICO
9. UTEP
10. HAWAII

TOP 10 PLAYERS

1. Greg Myers	FS	Colorado State	A real do-it-all safety and punt returner.
2. Marcus Harris	WR	Wyoming	Good size and speed in the wide-open spaces.
3. Charlie Jones	WR	Fresno State	Bulldogs' newest flyboy in wide-open attack.
4. Toraino Singleton	RB	UTEP	Runs with great power as well as willpower.
5. Harold Lusk	WR/AP	Utah	Nobody finds more ways to help a team.
6. Chad Lewis	TE	Brigham Young	Latest in string of good TEs at BYU.
7. Jake Campbell	RB/AP	Air Force	Fine all-purpose guy NFL might wait for.
8. Sean Moran	DE	Colorado State	In an offensive league, he makes big impact.
9. Steve Scifres	OT	Wyoming	Cowboys will have to try to ride behind him.
10. LaRoi Glover	DE	San Diego State	Ready to tap all of his immense potential?

IN A NUTSHELL

LaVell Edwards has controlled this league for so long that it seems like an automatic selection to put BYU atop the WAC standings. But with the way Sonny Lubick has Colorado State going, and the increasingly competitive nature of the rest of the

league, there's nothing automatic about it.

Yet, Utah has to rebuild after some very good seasons, CSU can't win 10 games every year, and Fresno State always loses some that it shouldn't. It's settled then: BYU is the pick.

SCOPING THE INDEPENDENTS

HOW THEY'LL FINISH

1. NOTRE DAME
2. EAST CAROLINA
3. SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
4. LOUISVILLE
5. MEMPHIS
6. TULSA
7. ARMY
8. NE LOUISIANA
9. CINCINNATI
10. NAVY
11. TULANE

TOP 10 PLAYERS

1. Ron Powlus	QB	Notre Dame	Time to show consistency, and he will.
2. Derrick Mayes	WR	Notre Dame	Better pure wideout than Ismail or Brown.
3. Stepfret Williams	WR	Northeast Louisiana	Can play with big boys ... even on Sunday.
4. Bert Berry	OLB	Notre Dame	Major talent who will portend Irish success.
5. Marcus Crandell	QB	East Carolina	Agile QB who can beat you lots of ways.
6. Roman Oben	OT	Louisville	A bull of a run-blocker.
7. Derrick Hervey	CB	Southern Mississippi	He's anonymous, except to opposing WRs.
8. Dusty Ziegler	C	Notre Dame	Extremely sound lineman keeps improving.
9. L.T. Gulley	DB	Southern Mississippi	Leader of fine secondary; also a return man.
10. Mark Libiano	LB	East Carolina	Instinctive player who will lower the boom.

IN A NUTSHELL

Notre Dame is going back to the days of playing the service academies, presumably regarding the fat guarantee as something of a contribution to the government, or something like that. Why else would they clutter their schedule with all three in

one year? Other than to pick up three easy wins, we mean.

East Carolina and Southern Miss look a lot like bowl teams look this time of year, and who knows how Louisville will react to the coaching change.

ROAD TO THE LAS VEGAS BOWL

BIG WEST

1. NEVADA
2. SW LOUISIANA
3. NO. ILLINOIS
4. UTAH STATE
5. NEW MEXICO ST.
6. NEV-LAS VEGAS
7. SAN JOSE STATE
8. PACIFIC
9. LA TECH
10. ARKANSAS ST.

MID-AMERICAN

1. BOWLING GREEN
2. W. MICHIGAN
3. BALL STATE
4. E. MICHIGAN
5. TOLEDO
6. C. MICHIGAN
7. MIAMI, OHIO
8. AKRON
9. KENT
10. OHIO U.

TOP 10 PLAYERS

1. Mike Maxwell	QB	Nevada	Good size (6-5), good arm, a winner.
2. Willie Smith	CB	LA Tech	Had 5 interceptions last year, 180 yds, TD.
3. Ryan Henry	QB	Bowling Green	Agile, strong arm, too short for NFL (6-0).
4. Alex Van Dyke	WR	Nevada	Led nation with 98 catches for 1,246 yards.
5. Jeff Mitchell	DE	Southwest LA	Ranks with anyone pound for pound (6-0, 239).
6. Dion Powell	DT	W. Michigan	Best pure pass rusher in MAC (or Big West).
7. C.J. Rose	DE	N. Illinois	A big-play maker (9 sacks, 14 TFL).
8. Brad Maynard	P	Ball State	Led nation in net punting in 1994 (42.2).
9. Michael Blair	RB	Ball State	Great in short yardage, nobody runs harder.
10. Deshon Myles	LB	Nevada	11 of his 138 tackles were behind line.



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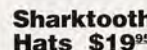


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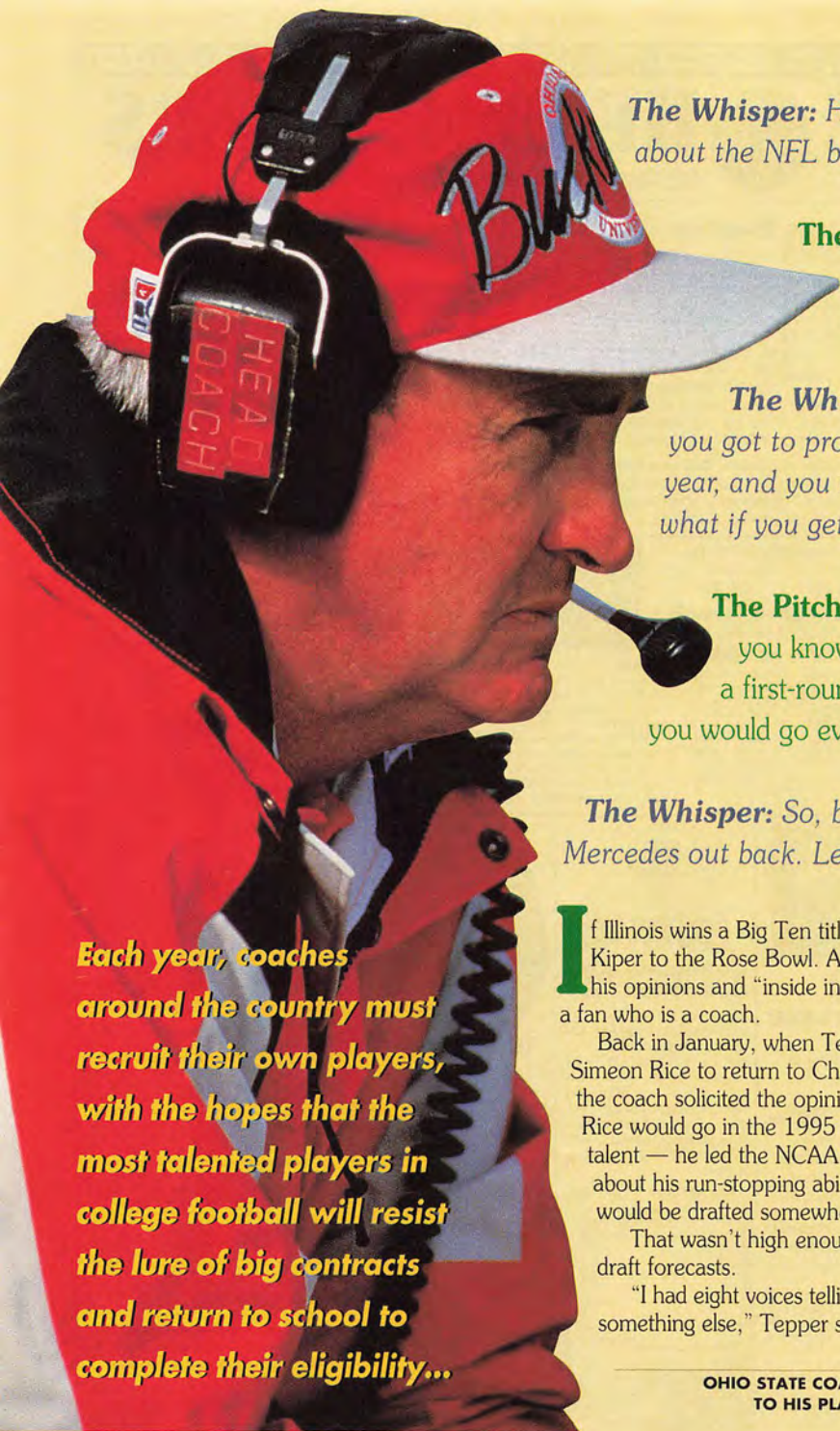
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The Whisper: So, big fella, what's it gonna be? I got my Mercedes out back. Let's go for a spin.

If Illinois wins a Big Ten title this year, Illini coach Lou Tepper ought to invite Mel Kiper to the Rose Bowl. After years of annoying NFL personnel executives with his opinions and "inside information," the draftnik may have finally found himself a fan who is a coach.

Back in January, when Tepper was trying to convince Illini outside linebacker Simeon Rice to return to Champaign for a senior year of brutalizing quarterbacks, the coach solicited the opinions of eight NFL personnel executives on how high Rice would go in the 1995 draft. Though the pro folks were intrigued by Rice's talent — he led the NCAA in sacks last season with 16 — they had questions about his run-stopping ability and physical maturity. The consensus was that Rice would be drafted somewhere in the middle of the first round.

That wasn't high enough for Rice, who had been hearing far more favorable draft forecasts.

"I had eight voices telling him one thing, and Simeon had 100 telling him something else," Tepper said, referring to the pile of agents and hangers-on

OHIO STATE COACH JOHN COOPER SPENDS HOURS PREACHING TO HIS PLAYERS, HOPING THEY'LL STAY IN SCHOOL.

PHOTO BY JONATHAN DANIEL / ALLSPORT

Each year, coaches around the country must recruit their own players, with the hopes that the most talented players in college football will resist the lure of big contracts and return to school to complete their eligibility...

Recruiting Their Own Players

Early Exit Option Keeps Coaches Scrambling

eager to pump up Rice in the hopes of profiting from his talents. Tepper needed more ammunition.

It came in mid-January, when Kiper predicted that the Carolina Panthers were going to select Rice with the first pick overall in the draft. During conversations with Bill Polian, the Panthers' GM, Tepper had learned Carolina was not interested in Rice with the first pick. Tepper gave Rice Polian's number and told him to check the rumor out for himself.

"He told me they probably wouldn't draft me," Rice said about Polian. That settled it. Rice was staying.

And so, Big Ten teams can look forward to another season of Rice patrolling the perimeter of the rapacious Illini defense, terrorizing quarterbacks and preventing backs from getting wide. Rice will contend for all-American honors, the Butkus Award and a spot among the top five picks in next year's NFL draft.

He'll be stronger, more physically and mentally mature, and probably richer in the long run. He'll also have his degree in speech communications and advertising, earned in just three-and-a-half years. Talk about your happy endings.

"If Kiper had said Simeon was going to be one of the top three picks in the draft, I'd have been scrambling," Tepper said. "But when he said Carolina was going to take Simeon, we were able to show him that they weren't going to take him. That blew Mel Kiper out of the water."

That Tepper had to engage in that little slice of mid-winter drama demonstrates how much impact the 1990 NFL rule allowing underclassmen to enter the draft has had on Division I-A programs.

Each year, coaches around the country must recruit their own players, with the hopes that the most talented players in college football will resist the lure of big contracts and return to school to complete their eligibility (and hopefully their studies). The coaches can't argue with the rule, but they can address it on a case-by-case basis.

Some players are ready to leave early. Others are not. Coaches must be honest with their stars or risk losing the respect of future top players. And they must also be careful not to beg a player to stay, or they could have their authority undermined by a recalcitrant prima donna.

It's a delicate situation, one exacerbated by the fact that the coaches are often making hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, and their level of achievement can depend upon how well they re-recruit their own best players.

And the agents who prey upon the players are counting on making their own fortune by gaining the confidence and signature of these kids. The agents are virtually without risk: If a player comes out early but does not get drafted, it's the player, not the agent, who is the loser.

The recent NCAA scholarship limitations, and "early exit" to the NFL can cause some college football coaches to feel as though they are being squeezed from both ends. Others accept the circumstances and move on.

"If I have a guy who will be a first-round draft pick, I'll hate to see him go," Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said. "But that means he's done some special things for us. I'll thank him for his contribution and go get someone else."

Thirty-three players declared early for the 1995 NFL draft, up slightly from the 29 who departed in 1994, but still shy of the record 37 entrants in 1992.

Among them were Heisman Trophy winner Rashaan Salaam of Colorado, Penn State running back Ki-Jana Carter, Miami All-American defensive tackle Warren Sapp, Brigham

Stay In School, Griffin Tells Buckeyes

Archie Griffin won't answer the question, even though it comes up about once a year. The former Ohio State star and only two-time Heisman Trophy winner just moves on to the next topic, content to live in the present, not the past.

Do you ever wonder what you would have done if NFL rules had allowed you to enter the draft after your junior season?

"I can't honestly answer that question," Griffin says. "When I came out of high school, my main goal was to get a college degree."

It's hard not to believe Griffin, now an Ohio State associate athletic director who is in charge of football and 15 other sports. He cherishes the opportunity to have played four years for the Buckeyes and legendary coach Woody Hayes and is particularly pleased with his degree from the school.

Today's top college football players don't speak the same language as Griffin. They talk about maximizing their earning potential and leaving school when their value is at its peak.

But Griffin is working to impress upon his part of the college football world the value of staying in school and how it can help in the short run through improving a player's draft position. He's also looking at the long-run benefits.

"It's hard for young people to understand that you don't play pro football all your life," Griffin says.

Griffin will be enlisting some big-name help in his crusade.

Beginning next year, the OSU athletic department will step up its efforts to convince Buckeye student-athletes to stay in school by using former star football players like Paul Warfield, Rex Kern and Jim Stillwagon as role models and guest speakers. They'll start by reaching out to the Buckeye freshmen, trying to impress upon them the value of a degree almost from the moment they step on campus.

That message, combined with the on-going efforts of coach John Cooper and his staff, might help reverse a tide of early exits that has cost the Buckeyes eight star players over the past four years.

"Football can be taken away from you at any time by injury or by a player being cut," Griffin says. "A degree is something you'll have the rest of your life, and no one can take it away from you. It's a source of pride, too. It's good to set goals and then reach them."

— Michael Bradley

Young quarterback John Walsh and mammoth Ohio State offensive tackle Korey Stringer. All five have tremendous professional potential, and none could have accomplished very much more on the collegiate level. That wasn't the case with everybody.

Some of the 33 were first-round picks, while others were chosen later on in the seven rounds of the draft. Some weren't taken at all. Those victims of poor advice, predatory agents or their own bad decisions will end up on the professional football periphery, scrambling to sign free-agent contracts with no bonuses or guarantees. Had they stayed in school for another year, they might have been drafted, just as some of those players who were drafted could have improved their lots with a little more college seasoning.

Coaches try to impress that upon players grappling with the decision to stay or go. It doesn't always work.

Consider the case of Ohio State. Since 1991, the Buckeyes have lost eight star players to the NFL's early-entry rule. This year, junior linebackers Lorenzo Styles and Craig Powell joined Stringer in early exits from Columbus.

In 1994, star defensive tackle Dan "Big Daddy" Wilkinson blew town two years ahead of schedule. Before that, it was running back Robert Smith and defensive back Roger Harper.

OSU coach John Cooper spends hours preaching to his players, hoping they'll stay in school. Over the past four years, he hasn't been too convincing.

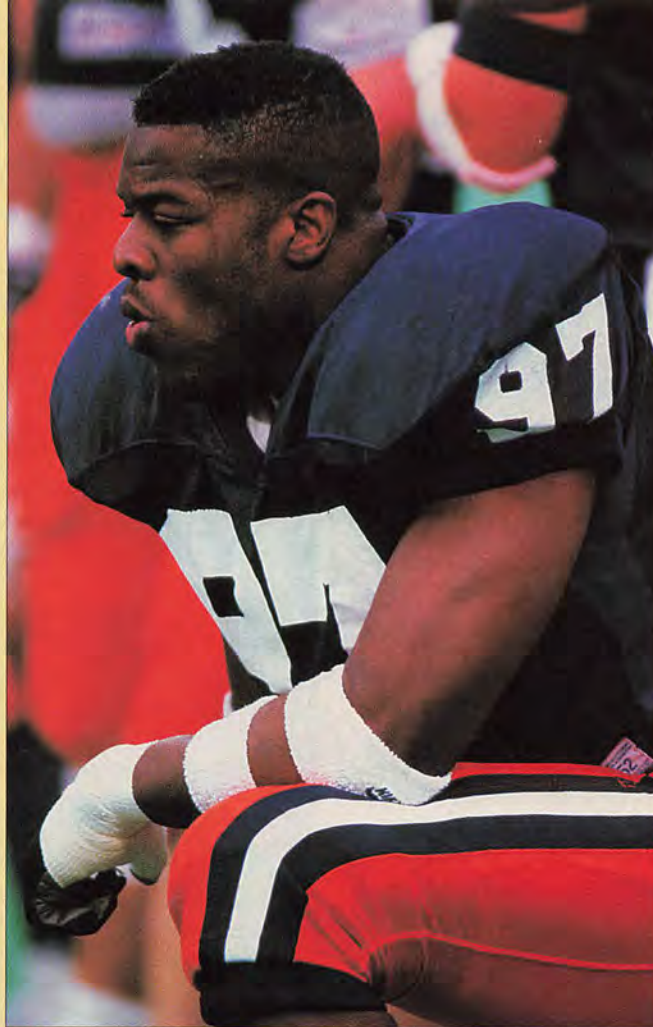
Wideout Joey Galloway's 1994 decision to stay around for his senior season was Cooper's sole high-profile victory in the re-recruiting game. Cooper hasn't been the only coach to lose players early, although he may have suffered more than any of his coaching brethren.

"I ask some of my players how they would like it if we told them after two years that we weren't going to honor their scholarships any more," Cooper said. "But it's okay for them so they leave school after two years of play."

Convincing established players to stay isn't the same business as luring them to campus in the first place. Instead of competing against other coaches and institutions, they are battling agents, advisers and even family members, all of whom could be telling the player to take the money. College football can't compete with dreams of seven-figure salaries and the trappings of NFL celebrity.

For some players, it's just a means to an end.

"The thing that disappoints me is that you sign these boys



BIG TEN TEAMS CAN LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER SEASON OF SIMEON RICE PATROLLING THE PERIMETER OF THE ILLINI DEFENSE, TERRORIZING QUARTERBACKS AND PREVENTING BACKS FROM GETTING WIDE.

PHOTO BY DAVID DUROCHIK

and try to be their father, but as soon as an agent comes along, they don't come in to see you as much," said Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, who bid an early goodbye to defensive end Derrick Alexander and cornerback Devin Bush following the 1994 season. "I wish they had never passed the rule."

So the coaches work another angle. Most will call upon contacts with NFL personnel executives, much like Tepper did, to determine where a player will go in the draft as accurately as possible. If the consensus is that a player will be a sure-fire top-10 pick, most coaches will concede defeat. No one could honestly advise a 21-year old to turn down the promise of a multi-million dollar contract for one or two more years of college. In those cases, it is the rare individual who stays in school.

Michigan running back Tyrone Wheatley probably would have been among the top 10 picks in the 1994 draft, but he chose one more year of the college experience in Ann Arbor — and a college diploma. UCLA wide receiver J.J. Stokes made the same decision.

These days, they're the exception. And most players who leave aren't even regarded that highly. Some leave because they need money — even if today's pay out wouldn't be as much as tomorrow's. Others are sick of school. More still have an inflated self-worth.

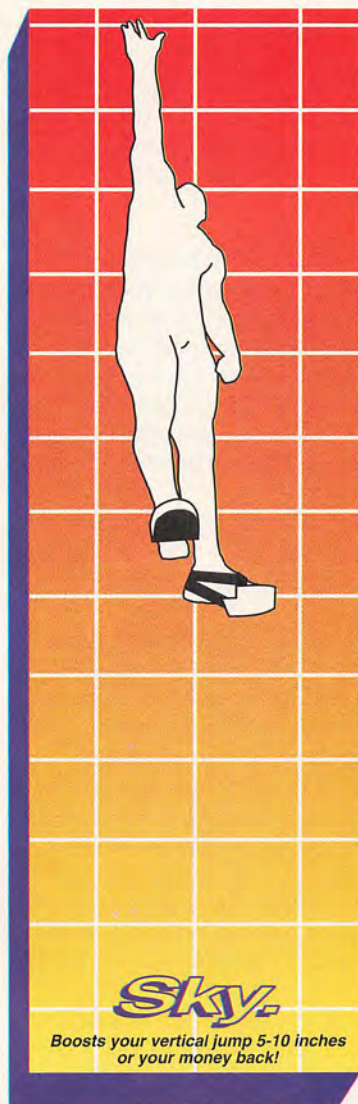
"We try to show the players what their choices are," Washington coach Jim Lambright said. "We take the approach that you'll always have choices to make in life. Our role is that of a teacher. We try to expose the players to both sides of the choice."

Not long after the 1993 season ended, Lambright declared that Washington junior running back Napoleon Kaufman was the team's number one recruit. The prep kids could wait for a while. If the Huskies were to have any kind of success during the probation-sullied '94 campaign, they needed Kaufman, the shifty, 5-9, 185-pound Pac-10 rushing leader, to remain in Seattle for his senior season.

Two years earlier, Lambright had hoped to see his Outland Trophy-winning defensive tackle, Steve Emtman, return for his senior year, but recognized quickly that Emtman was destined for top-three pick status. Indeed, he wished Emtman well and watched him become the first pick of the draft.

With Kaufman, it was different.

"We're recruiting Napoleon right now," Lambright told reporters. "He has to be back on this football team for us to be as good as we can be."



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THE 1994 HEISMAN WINNER, RASHAAN SALAAM OF COLORADO, LEFT SCHOOL A YEAR EARLY TO PURSUE NFL MILLIONS. HE SAID HE HAD NOTHING LEFT TO PROVE AT COLORADO.

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Lambright began his pitch with an assessment of Kaufman's draft chances, information he had gleaned from some NFL execs he knew. The news wasn't particularly encouraging. A perceived lack of pass-catching ability and return inexperience created some doubt whether Kaufman could become the complete "Dave Meggett"-style small back the pros liked. The verdict: Kaufman would be selected somewhere between the

third and fifth rounds, a consensus that gave Lambright a strong bargaining position.

Lambright promised he would highlight Kaufman in the Husky offense, putting the ball in his hands "30-35 times a game." (Kaufman actually averaged just over 26 touches per contest in '94, but was hampered for part of it by turf toe.)

Moreover, the school would promote Kaufman for the Heisman trophy and All-American honors — with one codicil. Kaufman had to be playing for the team first and his future second.

"We told him every time a camera was turned on or a reporter asked him a question, he had to spread it around to his line, the quarterback and the rest of his team," Lambright said. "It was critical that Napoleon understood he had to go into the season wanting to win first."

Kaufman decided to stay in Seattle and wound up becoming the Huskies' career rushing leader and the 1994 Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year. His draft stock rose also, thanks to his more refined receiving and returning skills. None of that was accomplished at the expense of the team or Lambright's authority.

Lambright's approach appears to be common among his peers.

Auburn's Terry Bowden says he won't beg top players to stick around for another year, because it becomes difficult to drive them hard in practice. He won't cut deals that let stars out of spring drills or some contact work.

"When a guy's ready to go, you can't push him like you can an 18-year old," Bowden said.

Michigan coach Gary Moeller agrees. To him, Michigan football comes first.

That doesn't mean coaches are cavalier about players completing their eligibility. Most preach the value of a college degree constantly. If a player expresses interest in leaving school early, a coach's first instinct is to convince him to stay. That's what Moeller tried to do with Wheatley.

But coaches are pragmatic.

Texas A&M's Slocum likes to draw a parallel between a football player and a junior petrochemical engineering student who is offered \$1 million and four months off to complete his studies each year to work at Mobil. The kid, Slocum argues, would be crazy not to take the offer. It's the same with football players. Why shouldn't they take the money — if they're high draft choices — and then use the off-season to complete their degrees.

Former Aggie standouts Richmond Webb and Kevin Smith both did that.

"All of these kids have biological clocks that will determine how long they can make money in the NFL," Slocum offered. "Nobody knows whether it's set for 10 or 12 years or six or seven."

"A lot of these kids have no money, and their moms work a couple jobs," Terry Bowden said. "To tell them that \$50,000 now could be a \$1 million in a few years may sound like an easy argument. But what if they never had \$50,000 in their life? Most of the ones leaving too early are the ones with no money."

The process and timing makes recruiting and personnel management difficult for college programs. The NFL's January deadline for players to announce their intentions approaches the February signing date for recruits.

While coaches await a star's decision, they can lose potential recruits who don't see a starting job awaiting them. Yet, should a sophomore or junior decide to head to the NFL, it can be too late to find a satisfactory replacement.

Arizona State coach Bruce Snyder believes the Sun Devils would have played in a bowl game last year, had tailback Mario Bates stayed around. Without Bates, the Devils were eighth in the Pac-10 in rushing and finished 3-8.

"He declared well after recruiting was under way," Snyder said, noting that top recruits had been already scared off.

The early exit rule has also changed most coaches' notions about redshirting their players. In the past, freshmen only played if they were clearly gifted, or if teams had yawning needs at a certain position. Today, coaches who want to get the maximum production out of a highly-regarded recruit will play him as a freshman, whether they need him or not. As a result, coaches become forecasters, trying to decide which recruits are likely to leave early.

Back in 1990, Washington State coach Mike Price was criticized for using quarterback Drew Bledsoe as a backup early in his true freshman season. Price's response: "Why redshirt him for the NFL?"

The New England Patriots eventually chose Bledsoe with the first pick of the 1993 NFL draft, after he'd spent three years in college.

"If it's even debatable, you have to play a guy as a freshman," Terry Bowden says.

Within two years, that promising newcomer will start to hear the whispers of agents telling him how much money he could make in the NFL.

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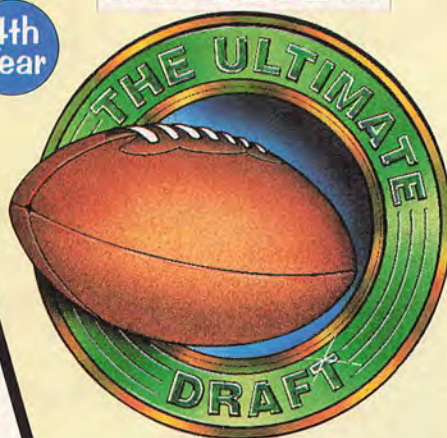
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It's probably just as well that Alabama lost to Florida in the Southeastern Conference championship game last season.

Two perfect teams turned out to be one too many anyway.

Listen hard and you can still hear the shrill echoes from Unhappy Valley, Pa. The Penn State Nittany Lions, unbeaten and uncrowned, still believe the system beat them out of yet another national title.

Nebraska, at 13-0, was perceived as more perfect than Penn State at 12-0. So they ran 1-2

in both the *Associated Press* writers' poll and *CNN/USA Today* coaches' poll.

You don't hear any yelping, though, down in Alabama. The Crimson Tide finished 12-1 and No. 5 (AP) and No. 4 (CNN/USA).

Coach Gene Stallings' club lost only the Southeastern Conference title game to Florida by a point before disposing of Ohio State in the Citrus Bowl.

"If we beat Florida," Stallings said, "we're gonna be one of the top two or three teams in the country. And you can't be any higher ranked than that."

Well, there's always No. 1.

But for Alabama these days, there's only No. 1 if nobody else deserves a claim. Forget the controversy when it comes to the Crimson Tide.

Even if the Tide had reversed that 24-23 loss to Florida, it would have been tagged as No. 3 for its 13-0 efforts, and it would not have rung up its 13th national title.

There's no arguing that point, even in Tuscaloosa. That seems to be the position the Tide is taking these days in the annual chase for college football supremacy.

Sort of "if we win all of our games, we deserve to be in the top three. And if nobody else wins all of their games, then maybe we ought to be in the top one ... like in 1992."

Last season, for the third time in the last six years, the Tide rose to 10-0 without being ranked No. 1 in the weekly polls.

Ten-and-oh, and for the most part, nobody outside of Alabama seemed to notice. The title was there for Nebraska to take. Or Penn State to clean up. Or even Miami to snare with a blemished record. But Alabama never really was taken seriously.

As even Stallings said of last year's team, "There were times we weren't playing very well. We were winning, but we shouldn't have been ranked any higher than we were."

"So I have absolutely no problems with the recognition and the ranks that we've received. I'm concerned about whether we're winning games."

"All that counts is how you end up, anyway."

But for such a storied program, in what is widely considered the toughest conference that doesn't play on Sunday, the Tide seems to suffer a national respect problem.

And it's got only itself to blame. Or at least its own Charmin-soft non-conference schedule.

There's nothing like a rugged inter-sectional game — with all the hype and hyperventilating TV coverage with it — to catch the public's eye.

Nobody understood that better than the late Paul "Bear" Bryant, the gruff stuff of which legends are made.

Under Bryant in the 1970s and 1980s, the Tide rolled outside the Deep South to take on all comers.

In those two decades, Bama banged into national powers Notre Dame (1-1), Southern Cal (1-1), Nebraska (1-1) and Boston College (0-2).

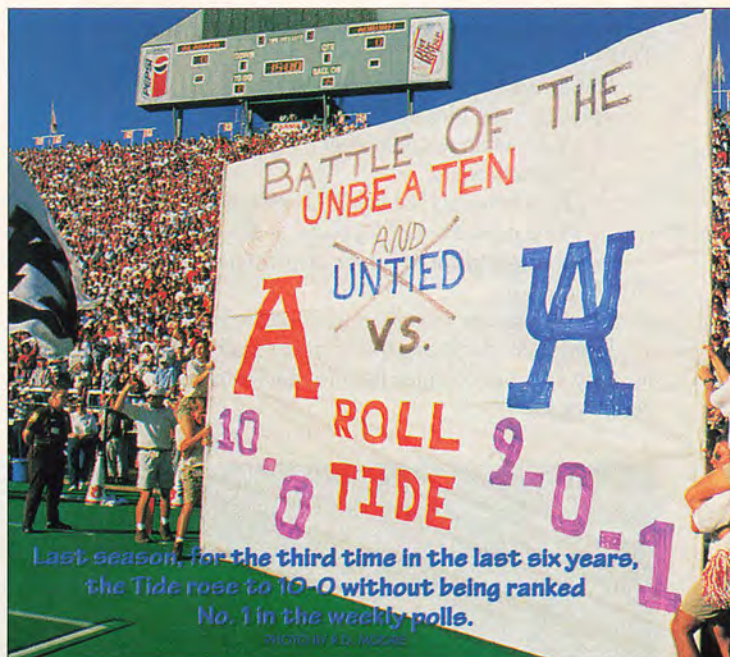
Most memorably, the Tide went 6-4 against Joe Paterno and Penn State in a classic 10-year marathon that ended in 1990.

Along the way, the Tide also took on Miami (1-0), Washington (2-0), Texas A&M (2-0), Clemson (1-0) and pre-demise Missouri (1-1).

Those major jousts didn't hurt the program. In fact, Bryant won national titles in 1973, 1978 and 1979 by seasoning his teams against the nation's best.

And now?

The Tide hasn't played a Top 25-caliber game outside the SEC since 1990, the year it said goodbye to Penn State with a 9-0 loss.



In the past five seasons, 1990-94, Bama is 14-1-0 outside the SEC against less than impressive competition.

The list of designated victims features, alphabetically: Cincinnati (1-0), Louisiana Tech (2-0), Memphis (1-0), Southern Miss (3-1),

Forrest Did Everything, And Nothing At All

He's dim, lovable and he was Mr. Everything on the big screen, but count Forrest Gump as the most famous Alabama player never to wear the Crimson and White.

And 13 Academy Award nominations notwithstanding, let's hear from Gene Stallings, who has spent 30 years analyzing and grading films: "Well, some parts of the movie I liked, and some parts of the movie I didn't like."

Fair enough.

Gump, as played by Tom Hanks, constantly found himself in historic, dramatic



Temple (1-0), Tennessee-Chattanooga (2-0) and Tulane (4-0). That's it.

Hardly a lineup to dazzle a pollster.

That 14-1 run outside the SEC includes:

- ◆ A 14-game winning streak.
- ◆ Four shutouts.
- ◆ 11 opponents held to a TD or less.
- ◆ Nine games over 30 points, seven games over 40 points and three games over 50 points for the Bama offense.
- ◆ An average victory margin of 25.8 points.

In the past four years, the schedule has become claustrophobic. The Tide has confined itself to the South for its entire non-bowl play list.

circumstances through his celluloid life, including a segment in the movie when he runs on to the Alabama football program in the mid-'60s.

"Well," Stallings drawled, "the fact that somebody could be that, quote, dumb and still go to college. At the University of Alabama.

"Universities are not for everybody. That rubbed me wrong. And I didn't like the way they portrayed Coach Bryant."

As a former player and assistant coach for Bryant, Stallings considers himself a bit of an expert in that era of history.

But the historical footage of Gump cut into Alabama footage with Bryant is convincing, indeed, and sparked calls to the 'Bama sports information office for weeks.

"We had tons of requests for photographs and stats," said Larry White, Alabama's veteran sports information director.

"You'd try to tell somebody, 'That's a fictional character,' and they say, 'Hey, I saw him in the movie.'"

"We've had a lot of fun with that. For about a two-month period after the movie came out and all the furor started, we got at least one call a day from either media or fans or a combination of both.

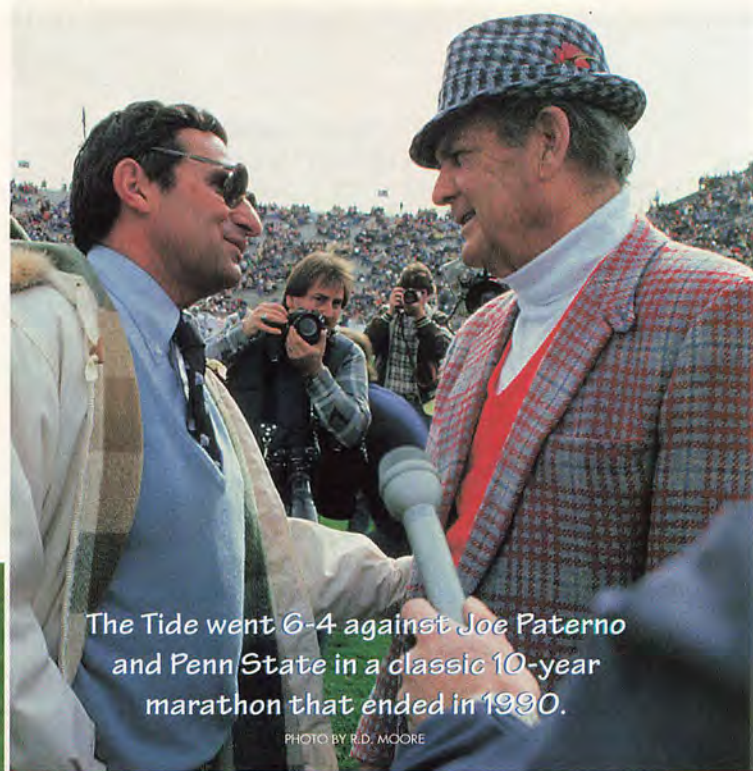
"Two of our

students went into our 'dead' file, what we call our morgue, and put him in there. It was just a manila folder with 'Forrest Gump' typed on the front.

"Inside they put a white sheet of paper that said, 'Gotcha!'"

To Stallings, who says he enjoyed the movie as a whole, it was a little too convincing.

Bryant was shown as being condescending to Gump, who ran out of the stadium after scoring his first Bama touchdown and had to be restrained by band members from an encore exit after scoring his second TD.



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Bryant also was shown disapproving of Gump's retrieval of a dropped text book by a young black woman trying to integrate the university.

Gump, with an IQ of 75, said he left Bama after five years with his college degree.

Stallings also disliked one off-campus scene: "The Vietnam War peace talk movement, I didn't care for that."

Gump, after receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor at the White House, wanders into an anti-war rally at the Reflecting Pool near the Washington Monument.

He is asked to address the assembled demonstrators and does. Somebody pulled the plug on his microphone, and his words go unheard.

Stallings was not alone in his disapproval of the 'Bama scenes.

"There was an element of hard-core Alabama fans who didn't like the portrayal of Coach Bryant or the portrayal of this state," White said.

But, like Stallings, many Crimson Tide faithful pushed past that irritation to enjoy the heartwarming fable: "I think most people took it for what it was — a humorous-serious movie," White said.

Winston Groom, who wrote the book that spawned the movie, spoke on campus early this year and was warmly received.

White was considering a tribute to Gump in the 1995 team media guide, and put together the elements of a "Gump for Oscar" campaign.

"The studio that made the picture wanted to send us a bunch of Forrest Gump T-shirts for the players," White said. "I told 'em right then on the phone we couldn't do that. It's a violation of NCAA rules."

No surprise there.

As Forrest Gump's mother might say: "Life is like a box of choc-o-lates. And the NCAA pinches every one before you can eat it."

— Tom Wheatley



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The reason given for this is the SEC and its new one-game playoff format.

Virtually every SEC team except Tennessee fattens up on local fodder before the league grind begins.

Since the SEC multiplied and then split into two divisions, members play their five division rivals plus three teams from the other division.

That leaves only three non-league games — and only so many places to bruise on a player's body.

"It's a great conference," Stallings said. "When you take the Tennessees and Floridas and Auburns and Alabamas and South Carolinas and LSUs, they're all very good, all very capable teams."

Auburn and Mississippi State have been the only teams in Alabama's SEC West Division to be ranked regularly in recent years. Traditional powers LSU and Arkansas have been down. So until the home stretch, the Crimson Tide has been unable to steam roll the kind of ranked teams that impress pollsters.

It must be pointed out that the Big Ten and the Pac-10 have long played eight conference games, but the strong teams in those leagues have sought out at least one intersectional foe each year. To gain national attention, they almost have to bring in a Notre Dame or Nebraska. To get on TV in September, they almost have to play a Miami or Tennessee. To be seen outside their own region, they almost have to take on a Colorado or Texas. To get their own fans excited for season tickets, they almost have to play at least one other Division I-A opponent a year.

And they do.

That's not to say Alabama doesn't face stiff competition. But often it's too late.

Last year, the Tide played Tennessee-Chattanooga (42-13), Tulane (20-10) and Southern Mississippi (14-6) in early season non-conference games. But things toughened up in the final month when they ran into 16th-ranked Mississippi State, No. 9 Auburn and No. 6 Florida.

None of those November games, however, was by choice. They were set by the league. And the poll voters had already set what amounted to a pecking order with Nebraska and Penn State in particular.

That means the Tide faced a case of too much, too late, when it came to swaying pollsters.

Alabama athletic director Cecil "Hootie" Ingram is also inclined to leave the polls — and the Tide's schedule — alone.

"I really don't have any feeling at all about it," Ingram said. "We like to tee it up and play every week. But I don't even look at the polls."

"We played nine SEC teams last year," Ingram said, including the SEC title game with Florida. "We play some great teams, and we're excited about that."

He declines to accept the notion that the Tide is short-changing itself with its non-league schedule.

"We won the national championship with that kind of schedule," Ingram said of the 1992 title. "We have some teams coming into our schedule that we're excited about — the University of Houston, North Carolina State — and I think they're quality programs."

Ingram got tired of the subject in a hurry.

"I don't even want to be quoted on the polls," he said. "I think our schedule's as tough as anybody's. Everybody can look at it and draw their own conclusions."

Nobody can look at it too far into the future, though.

Larry White, Alabama's sports information director, does not include future schedules in his first-rate press guide. That's because he doesn't know what they are.

White referred all inquiries on the topic to Ingram. And Ingram said only that, "We put our schedule out from time to time."

Stallings had nothing to add on that subject, either.

"I don't even know who we're playing this year, to tell you the truth," Stallings chuckled last March, as spring drills began. "I just want to know who we're playing next. I just don't keep up with that. I'm not concerned with it."

Stallings notes that his refusal to run up scores may not impress pollsters. He considers blowouts bad form, bad sportsmanship and bad for the college game.

"I wouldn't do that if I could," he said. "I mean that."

Likewise, Penn State dropped from No. 1 to No. 2 after its reserves gave up two late TDs in an easy win over Indiana.

Stallings said, too, the SEC playoff may not lead to national-championship votes, but that it's the best way to determine a true conference champion.

He points to SEC teams "in the other part of the conference we don't play. You're gonna try to have a true champion, so the only way to do it is just have a divisional game and play the championship."

"We lost it this past year, 24-23, but we were in the game again. We've been in it the past three years, and that's what we all try to do. I don't have any regrets or remorse whatsoever about that."

"And I'm opposed to a (national championship) playoff. It'd be too long. The players are under enough pressure. This is not professional football."

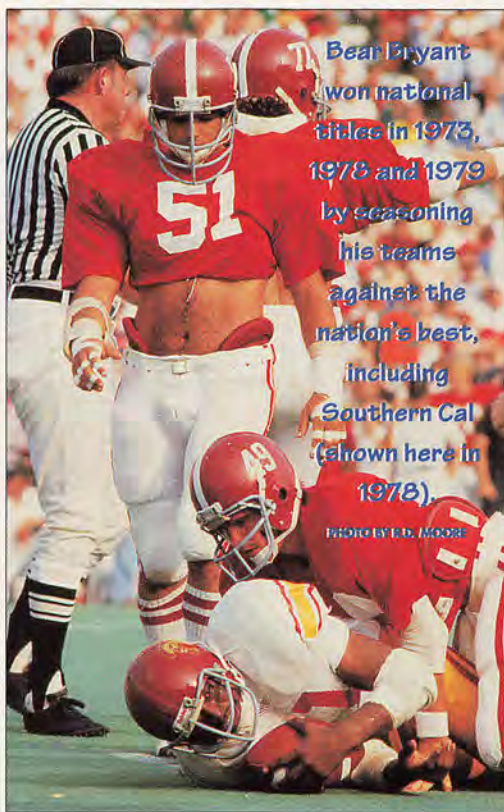
"When you play 12, 13 games, that's a lot. I think that's enough for college. We've won 45 games the past four years. That's a lot. The way somebody ranks us is not gonna affect the way I feel one way or the other."

"If we win 'em all, we'll have a chance to be national champion. If we don't, we won't."

"The system doesn't bother me at all," he said, with another of those belly-growl chuckles. "I don't pay much attention to it really. I'm just trying to win a few games."

And if a national title happens to come with them, well, that's OK.

— Tom Wheatley



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SHAY ROBINSON — ALABAMA

Shay performs on fall Saturdays as a Crimsonette. She is a native of Saraland, Alabama. She enjoys spending time with friends and family.

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MANDY PROBST — MISSOURI

Mandy is a freshman from Gladstone, Missouri. She is a pre-med major and plans to become a pediatrician. She enjoys dancing and softball.

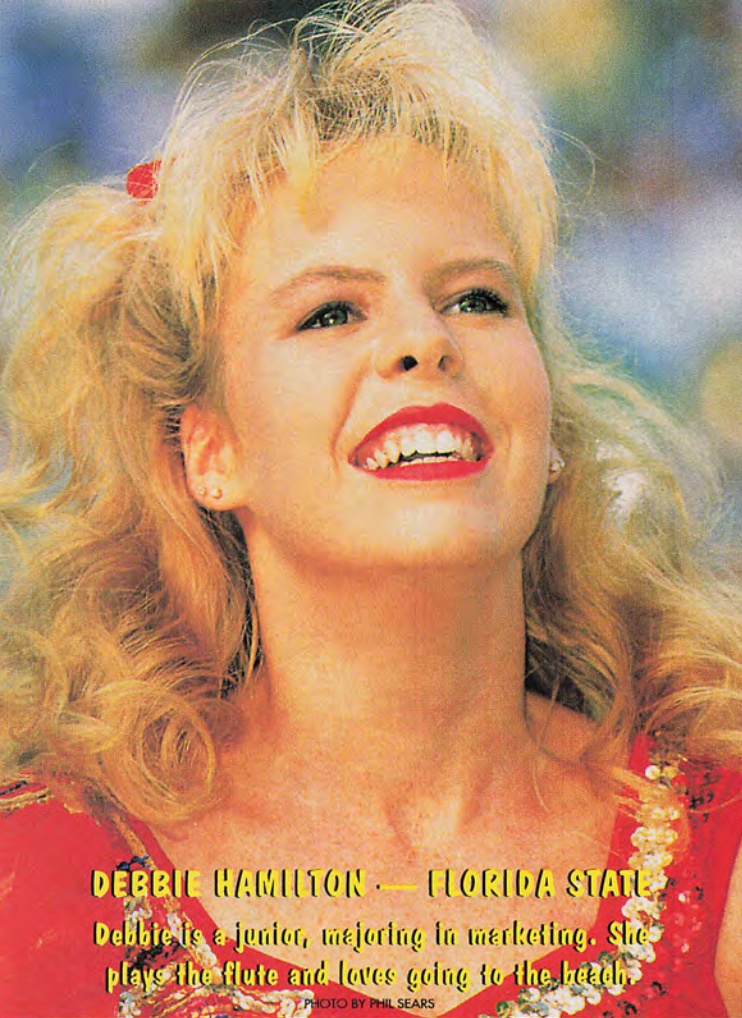
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CLAUDIA HOWELL — AUBURN

A native of Dothan, Alabama, Claudia is a junior majoring in Communications Disorders. She maintains a 4.0 GPA, is a competitive equestrian, and plays tennis.

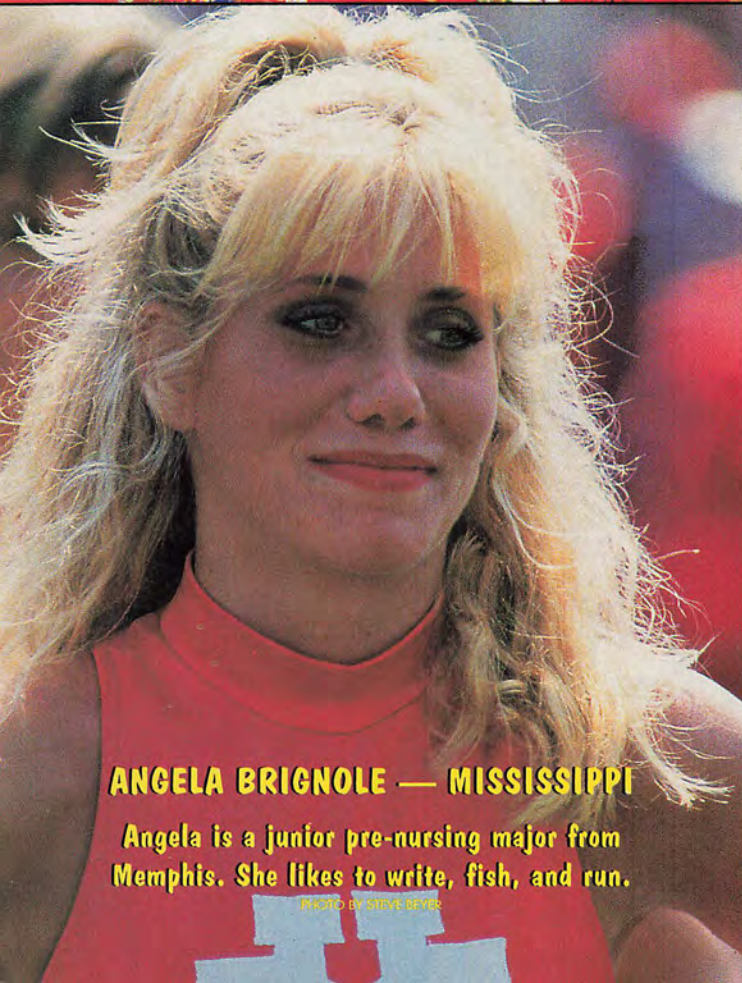
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DEBBIE HAMILTON — FLORIDA STATE

Debbie is a junior, majoring in marketing. She plays the flute and loves going to the beach.

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ANGELA BRIGNOLE — MISSISSIPPI

Angela is a junior pre-nursing major from Memphis. She likes to write, fish, and run.

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A freshman biology major, Erika is on the Honor List. She was a Miss Houston finalist.

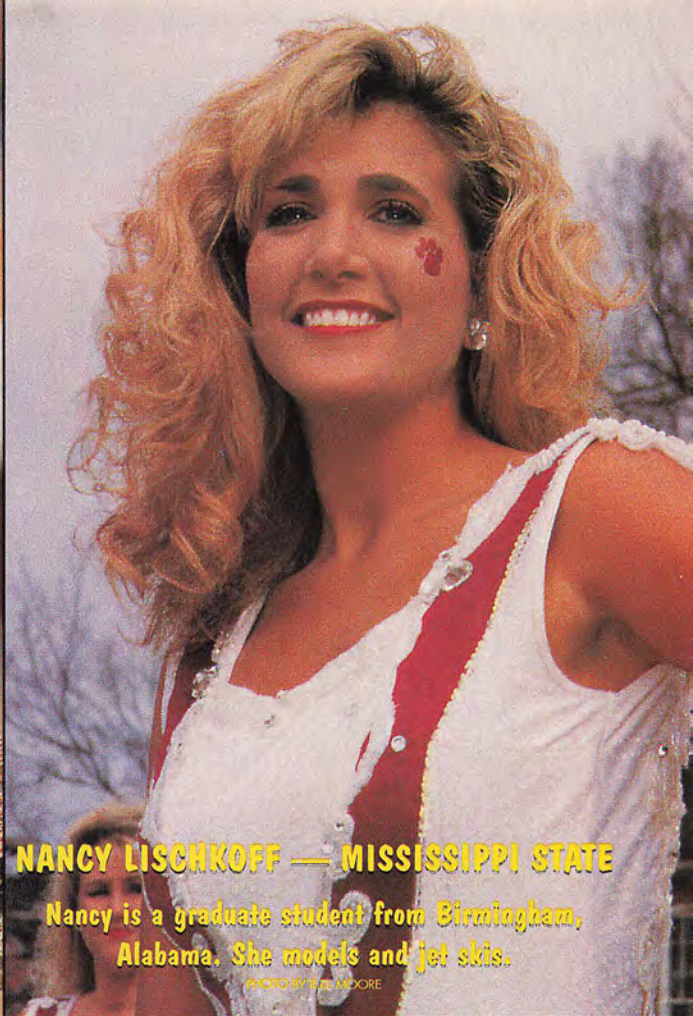
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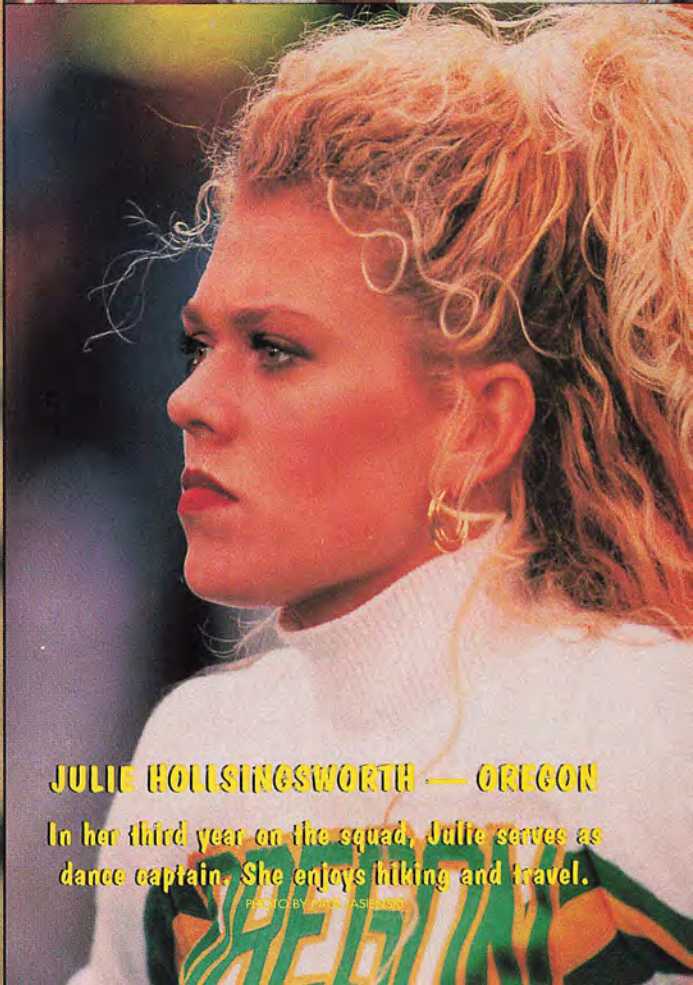
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NANCY LISCHKOFF — MISSISSIPPI STATE

Nancy is a graduate student from Birmingham, Alabama. She models and jet skis.

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In her third year on the squad, Julie serves as dance captain. She enjoys hiking and travel.

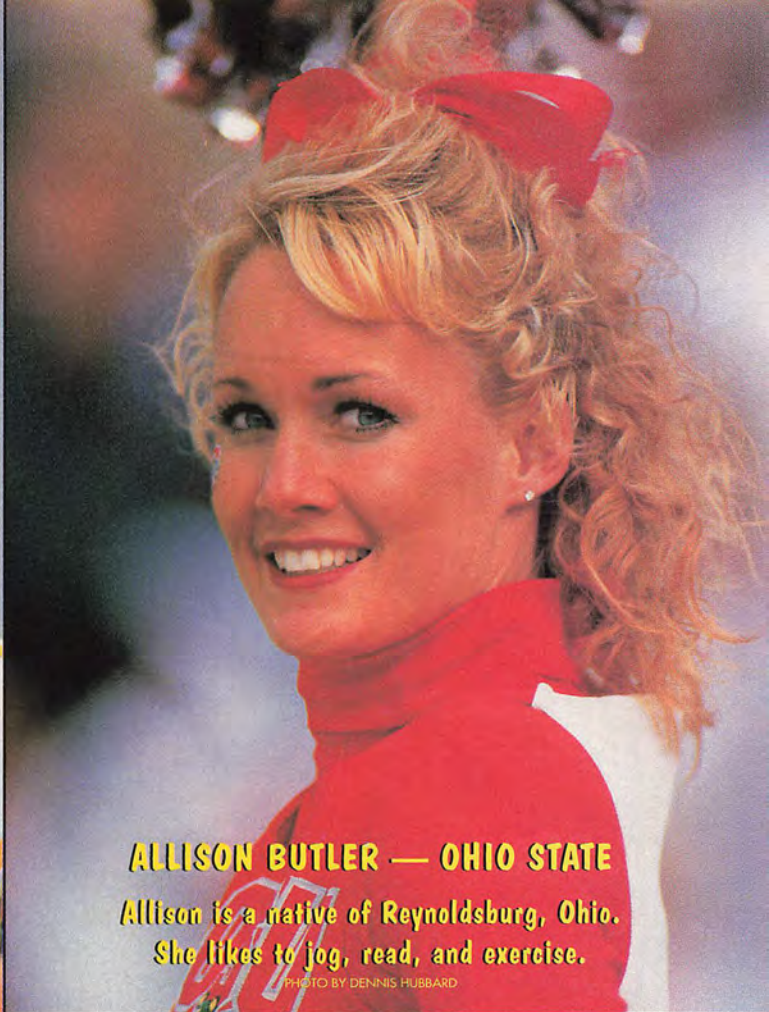
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A Dean's List scholar, Michelle hails from Atlanta. She enjoys running and photography.

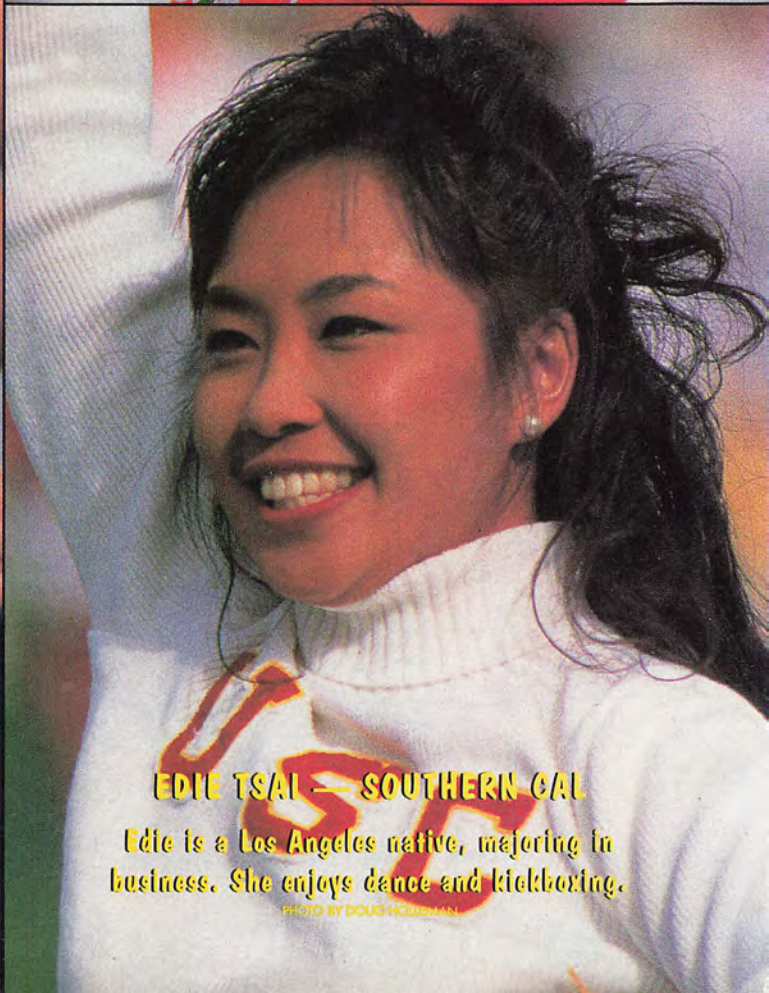
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ALLISON BUTLER — OHIO STATE

Allison is a native of Reynoldsburg, Ohio. She likes to jog, read, and exercise.

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EDIE TSAI — SOUTHERN CAL

Edie is a Los Angeles native, majoring in business. She enjoys dance and kickboxing.

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Keeping the Faith

UP CLOSE WITH TOM OSBORNE

FCA Has Made Impact on Long-time Nebraska Football Coach

Tom Osborne's record as football coach at the University of Nebraska stands alone among major college coaches. He has never won fewer than nine games in a season and has never failed to take the Cornhuskers to a bowl game in 22 seasons.

The crowning achievement of Osborne's career came in winning the 1994 national championship. He had come close a few times before, but this past January his team took the title with a win over Miami in the Orange Bowl game.

Gordon Thiessen, who played for Osborne at Nebraska, recently sat down with Osborne to do an interview for *Sharing the VICTORY* magazine.

Q: How do you deal with setbacks as a coach? What gives you perspective in life and in football?

TOM OSBORNE: I try to focus on one day at a time, and try not to worry about things that may happen tomorrow. I try to derive some satisfaction knowing I did the best I could with what I had to work with. You have to be able to let go of yourself at some degree. I believe Tom Landry once said, 'to live a disciplined life, and to accept the result of that disciplined life as the will of God is the mark of a man.'

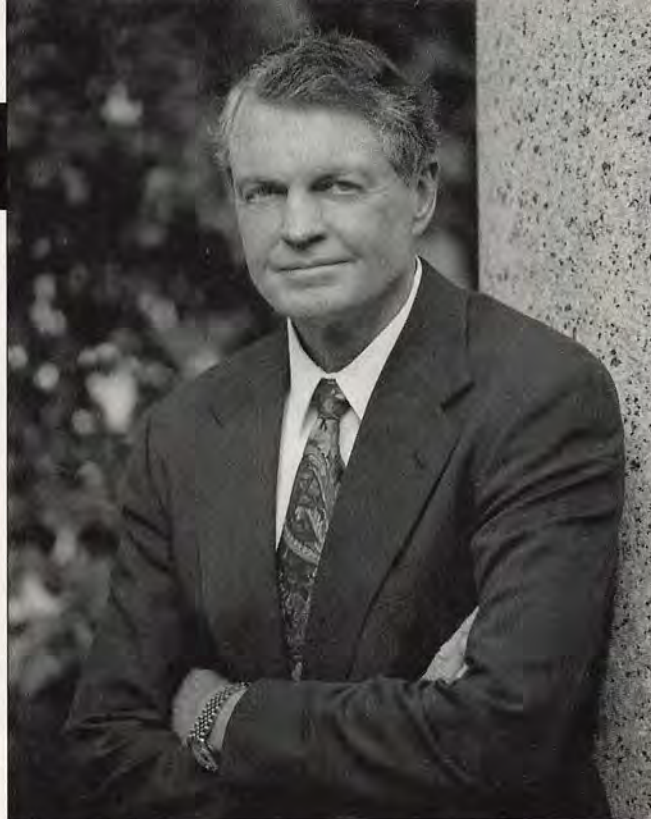
Q: What are some of the things you do devotionally?

OSBORNE: I spend an hour a day in some sort of prayer time and or meditation. I try to be in the Scriptures every day. I have the New Testament on tape and quite often I listen to that on the way to work for about 10 or 15 minutes in the morning. As a staff, we do have short devotion for a few minutes before we start our day. We try to get together with a few other people and have a Bible study once a week with the FCA Adult Chapter.

Q: Who are a couple of players that have really turned around notably in their spiritual life?

OSBORNE: There have been so many that it would be hard to name them, but I guess a couple who are still prominent athletes are Irving Fryar and Jimmy Williams. Both of those individuals while at Nebraska weren't spiritually attuned, but in recent years have each made a strong commitment. They each now have a full-fledged ministry of their own and are licensed ministers.

Q: If a high school student asked you what he or she might do to help stay in shape spiritually, what advice would you give?



OSBORNE: It's just like athletics, for example, you can't expect a person who has visited the weight room three times a year to bench press 300 pounds, you can't expect a person who hasn't put any time into their spiritual training to grow or to be able to handle times of crisis. It takes daily discipline. It's also very important to have some support such as FCA, or a prayer group, where there is positive peer influence. Also, to be involved in a weekly worship service, it's very important. These things are all cumulative and help an individual to develop spiritually through discipline and daily sacrifice.

Q: For a high school athlete who doesn't know much about the Bible and needs to know where to start, is there a place you would encourage him or her to start reading?

OSBORNE: I'm partial to the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Mark is a good starting point if you want a historical account regarding the life of Jesus.

Q: Charles Barkley has gotten headlines with the statement that he doesn't want to be or isn't a role model, yet most people would view athletes as some form of role model. Has that changed, do you think, in the 20 or so years you have coached? Are athletes still strong influences?

OSBORNE: I suspect that they are more of an influence today because of television. Most young people growing up know quite a bit about Michael Jordan or John Elway or any number of athletes because they've personally observed them play so many times.

What athletes say and do has an impact today, with so many young people growing up without fathers as adult male role models in their lives, what an athlete says or does today may have more of an impact than it did 25-30 years ago. So obviously the statement of 'you're not a role model' is not accurate. There are very few people in their lifetime that are not a role model to somebody, whether it's your little brother, your next door neighbor. Everyone has someone who looks up to them at some point or another in their lifetime.

Life and Death... With Sanctions

Texas Christian football coach Jim Wacker looked across the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, considered the cyanide capsule placed on the tongue of the Southern Methodist football program, and grew envious.

SMU had just become the first — and is still the only — NCAA member to receive “the death penalty.” The Mustangs would be prohibited from playing any games in 1987, and were allowed only seven games in 1988, all on the road.

When SMU decided to forego that abbreviated second season, it was left with a two-year banishment from the sport that had financially supported all SMU athletics and inspired much of its alumni contributions, but had grown so historically out of control that it broke all records for NCAA crime and punishment.

Everyone was fired — the coaches, athletic director, school president, board of governors — anyone connected with the scandal. Opposing coaches flocked to the campus to recruit SMU players out of their dorms. Five boosters were banned from having any contact with the school athletic department.

Bill Clements, then the governor of Texas, was roundly defeated in the next election after admitting he, as a member of the since disbanded SMU board of governors, knew of the payments to players, but decided they should be “phased out” rather than cut off.

And the new coaches were forced to recruit without leaving the office.

And recruits couldn't get expense-paid visits to campus.

And there would be no bowl games to offer.

Or television appearances.

Or games at all.

And TCU's Wacker was jealous of such a plight? The way he looked at it, the only difference between NCAA death and punishment was that punishment would last longer.



“We should have gotten the death penalty,” said Wacker, who four seasons later would leave TCU for Minnesota.

“We would have been better off. What we got was slow death. Slow and painful.”

TCU had received NCAA sanctions with the kind of recruiting penalties not unlike those leveled on Oklahoma State, Washington, and now Mississippi.

The TCU program has suffered through the insinuations and ridicule that still haunt Texas A&M, and fights through the frustration and maddening loss of potential glory that has cursed Auburn.

SMU has not become, since its resurrection from NCAA death, the program it was before the sanctions hit, although a variety of factors unrelated to the “death penalty” have contributed to inhibit the Mustangs' rebuilding.

But many still at TCU contend that the more typical NCAA sanctions the Horned Frogs received in 1984 can be just as damaging

as the celebrated “death penalty.” The effects can last far longer than the sanctions, and when the NCAA hits, it scratches far more than just the football program's recruiting or television schedule.

And left to continue on wounded and bleeding but not dead, TCU's struggles were left open for anyone to see and judge.

“We had no idea what the sanctions would mean,” TCU athletic director Frank Windegger said. “I don't think it hit any of us at the time. It affects so many things, and it lasts, I think, at least a decade.”

“The ‘death penalty’ might have been better. Maybe we didn't fall through the gallows, but we were sure hanging there, swinging in the wind.”

Three seasons ago, former Mississippi coach Billy Brewer, facing the recruiting advances of new Mississippi State coach Jackie Sherrill, angrily fought back.

"Everyone knows about Jackie Sherrill," Brewer charged. "Jackie Sherrill is a pathological liar."

Last fall, Brewer was asked to leave Mississippi, his alma mater, with NCAA sanctions about to hit and hit hard.

Ole Miss received sanctions comparable to those that embedded themselves in Texas Christian's program. TCU had been allowed only 10 scholarships for two seasons, having already returned bowl and television money for the 8-3 1984 season. It took TCU 10 seasons to get back to full scholarship levels, and Windegger believes if the NCAA limit was not cut from 95 to 85 scholarships per team, TCU might still not be at full strength.

For two years, Mississippi will be allowed to bring in only 13 players a year on scholarship, and is banned from bowl or television appearances for 1995.

Ole Miss officials believe the lessons culled from previous rebuilding projects will help them rebound. But history indicates the effects of sanctions last much longer than the actual penalties. Losses change the reputations of programs, hurting recruiting even beyond the restrictions.

And large recruiting classes — brought in to fill the void left by the sanction-limited classes before them — create new voids when they leave, too. It leads to a cycle of almost constant rebuilding.

Washington, for example, spent last season with 75 recruited scholarship athletes: 10 fewer than the NCAA limit. Of those, 16 were freshmen being redshirted, another 19 had been redshirted the previous season, and three others had arrived on campus as walk-ons.

That left the Huskies with 37 recruited seniors, juniors and sophomores — the guts of any team. This for a major program that had won a national championship just three years earlier.

And with "normal attrition," the Huskies could slip to about 70 recruited scholarship athletes — 15 fewer than their competition is allowed. The team consists of what amounts to five short recruiting classes.

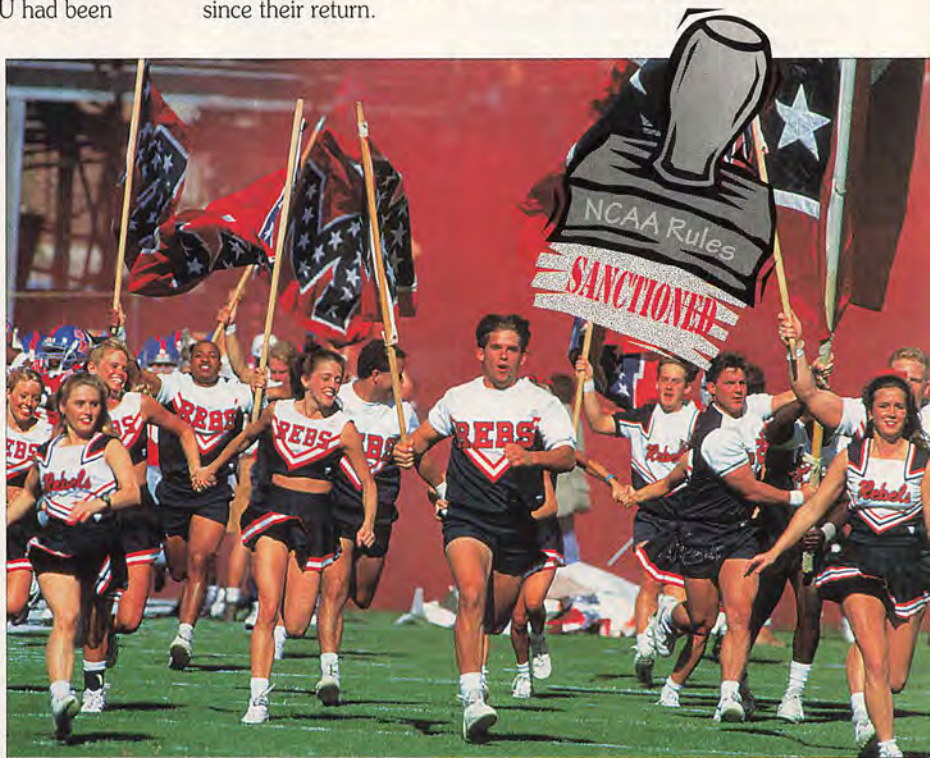
Football programs don't always wither when the NCAA comes snooping around, as witnessed by the continued success in the face of probation at Auburn and Texas A&M, among others.

But when the boys from Kansas City bring with them scholarship-reduction penalties, look out below:

Washington went from a 22-game winning streak into an immediate tailspin, with the 7-4 records of 1993 and 1994 looking pretty appealing to Huskies fans for 1995. The Huskies are 15-11 since the investigation started, which resulted in a two-year bowl ban and two years of scholarship reductions (15 allowed each year).

SMU, nine seasons after the death penalty was assessed, will have its first group of fifth-year seniors in 1995. And their measure of success will probably determine how well SMU comes back from penalties that occurred a decade ago.

The Mustangs, which had three consecutive 10-win seasons in the early 1980s and had strung together seven consecutive winning seasons until the NCAA pulled the plug, are a combined 12-51-3 against a decidedly weak schedule in the six seasons since their return.



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TCU was docked 15 new scholarships a year for two years and promptly stumbled through six consecutive losing seasons. The Horned Frogs had just one winning record in nine years; at the end of that winning season (1991), they lost their coach (Wacker) to Minnesota.

Oklahoma's sanctions, beginning in 1989, cut scholarships by seven for two years. The Sooners, who got rid of coach Barry Switzer in the process, have been up and down since then, but never as far up as previously.

They have had two 9-3 seasons, but in alternate seasons — when the larger recruiting classes leave and are replaced by the smaller classes from the years with the scholarship limits, the Sooners have had decidedly un-Oklahoma-like records of 7-4, 5-4-2, and 6-6. Coach Gary Gibbs was fired after the 1994 season, when the Sooners had just five senior starters and went 6-6.

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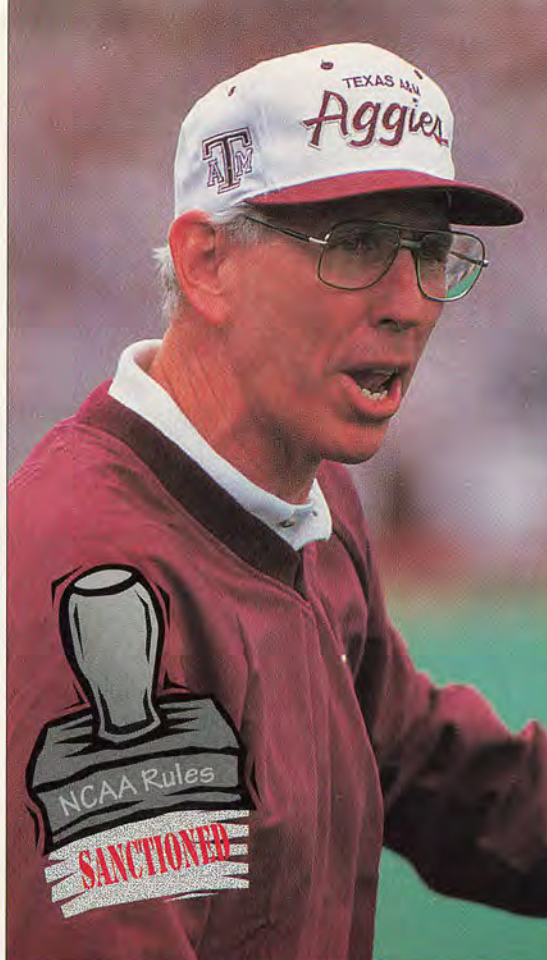
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Oklahoma State, beginning in 1990, lost five scholarships a year for three seasons. After consecutive 10-2 seasons in 1987 and 1988 and a reputation built for producing running backs Thurman Thomas and Barry Sanders, Oklahoma State is 15-38-2, bottoming out at 0-10-1 in 1991. Head coach Pat Jones was fired after the 1994 season.

Although the Cowboys will be close to the NCAA limit of 85 scholarships this season, Oklahoma State insiders note many of the scholarship players are walk-ons who under normal circumstances never would have been awarded scholarships.

Notice that the coaches involved with the programs when the sanctions hit are gone from all of those schools, and the guys who steered TCU, Okla-

homa, Oklahoma State and SMU through the sanctions and rebuilding have either bailed out (Wacker and SMU's Forrest Gregg) or were fired (Jones and Gibbs). Yet, when the Mississippi job opened up, the resumes flooded in.

"My wife and I sat down and looked at the scenario of where we wanted to live, the conference I wanted to coach in, the chance to be successful," new Mississippi coach Tommy Tuberville said. "This is the state university. It has a tradition. This is a place I want to be for a long time. I'd like to make this my last coaching job."

Texas A&M, in 1993, became the only school ever to receive a bowl ban without the spicing of scholarship reductions.

In some parts of the country — mostly in areas where the scholarship knife had cut deeply — such a penalty seemed virtually insignificant.

Considering A&M's infractions-filled past, the NCAA committee

on infractions assessed an unusually long five-year probation period, but the sanctions expired after one 10-0-1 season, and A&M signed what was considered one of the nation's best recruiting classes.

But coach R.C. Slocum is still pained by the experience.

"I'll never get over this, I'll never forget it my whole life," Slocum said. "I was extremely proud of how we were winning, how we were recruiting players, the attention to the rules we were paying. In retrospect, that allowed us to get through it. But it was very difficult."

"It aged me. It aged me a lot."

When A&M was hit with its bowl ban, Slocum spoke with Auburn's Terry Bowden, who went 11-0 in his first season at Auburn as the Tigers played with sanctions that included a two-year

ban from bowls. Bowden was named the national Coach of the Year in 1993, and in 1994 went 9-1-1.

But like with Slocum at A&M, Bowden feels the sting of criticism, even if he was not at Auburn when the violations occurred.

"The image, the black eye, people might say, 'Probation isn't so bad, look at Auburn.' But this is an embarrassment to every alumnus," Bowden said. "We've been called cheaters. Cheaters. And it (the process of investigation, findings and sanctions) has happened four or five times here over the years.

"The whole image is something you have to build back up from the bottom."

It hadn't happened to Washington in nearly 40 years, but the Huskies have heard similar taunts. Washington was long considered one of the nation's model programs. When penalties followed championships, the assumption was that the victories were the product of violations.

"All the sanctions (except the second year of television sanctions) were put on us by our own conference, our competitors," said Jim Lambright, Don James' longtime assistant and hand-picked successor. "They put us in jail."

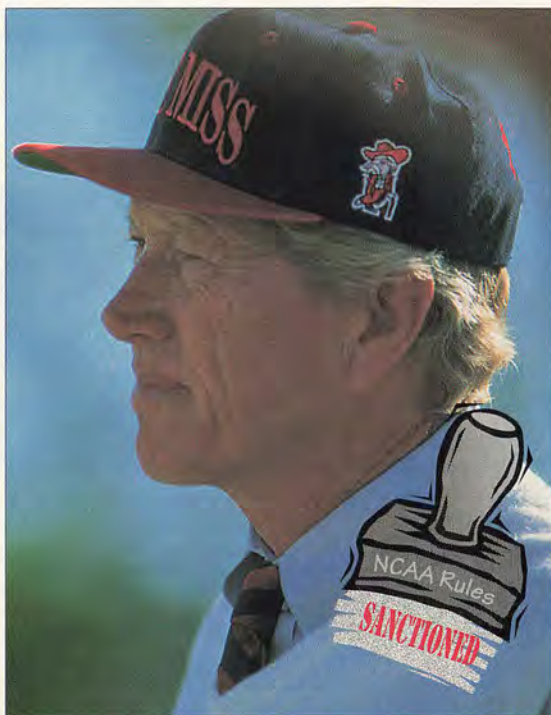
Auburn and A&M, with few or no recruiting sanctions, have combined to lose one game in their three seasons with penalties. But even then, there are costs more tangible than damaged pride.

"Everybody used it against us in recruiting," Slocum said. "There were very good players that would have come if not for rumors and talk, and not only were we losing players, we were allowing our competitors to gain players, recognition and television exposure. Now five (Southwest Conference) schools are going around say-

ing they were champions, when we beat everyone (but were barred from the title). To say we weren't hurt, that's wrong."

And that's to say nothing of the money that a bowl and television ban can cost per season: A&M's loss of expected earnings was about \$2.5 million.

"What they did to us wasn't really anything as far as recruiting



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(sanctions)," Bowden said. "You look at Washington and Ole Miss and some of the others, ooooh. But don't tell me this doesn't hurt Auburn."

All things considered, despite what the folks at TCU and elsewhere might think, "death" is much tougher than merely "hurt real bad."

SMU brought football back — but not to Texas Stadium, to avoid even an appearance of returning to the old

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ways — but back to campus, to the once-condemned Ownby Stadium.

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SMU will return games to the Cotton Bowl next fall.

Procedures were markedly changed as well. Even to be recruited by SMU coaches, a panel of SMU administrators and faculty must approve a prospective student-athlete's qualifications. The process has been streamlined in recent years, but remains much more stringent than that of most schools.

SMU athletes are not given priority registration times, making it difficult for athletes to get into classes they need scheduled around afternoon practice times. To get enough of the team together for quality practices last season, SMU had to begin many workouts at 7:30 p.m.

Terry Bowden feels the sting of criticism, even if he was not at Auburn when the violations occurred.

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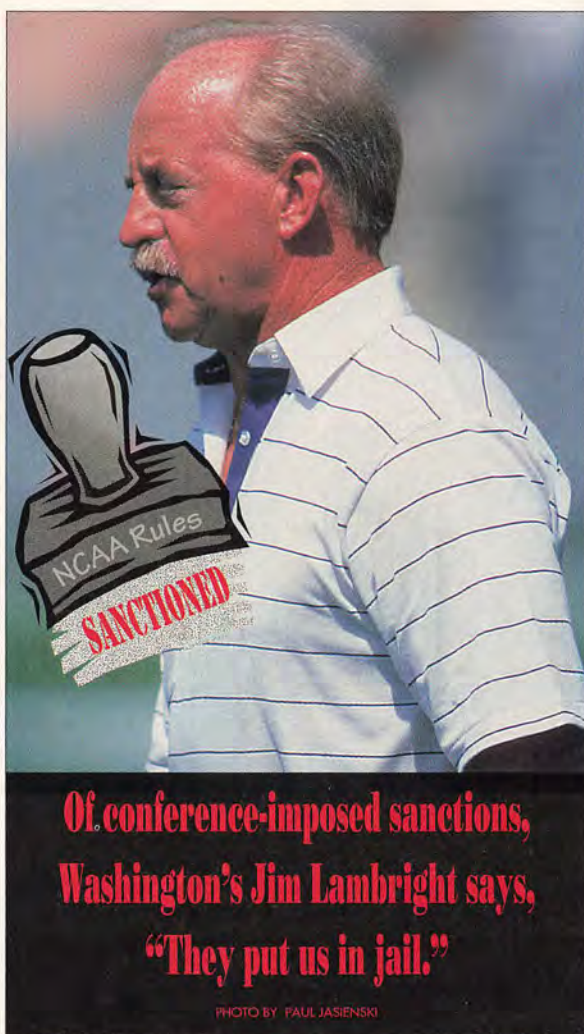
And though no one other than office personnel remain from the Mustang Mania era, SMU coach Tom Rossley admits, "The faculty and everyone else are still leery about us ever leaning back to that old way of doing things."

"They're suspicious of everything we do," he said. "But we're gaining trust and support. That's part of the learning process. It just doesn't come overnight. Everyone was hurt with the scandal, not just football."

But with everything he must overcome, Rossley remains unshaken in his optimism. If what happened to SMU, and to other programs, should unquestionably stand as an example, so too should the success Rossley said will come for those who must pick up the pieces.

"It's very challenging," Rossley said. "And there are frustrating times."

"But there are very good times as well. So many people said, 'You can't come back.' But there's such determi-



nation, such hard work going on. We're gaining support on campus. Things are more positive than ever. Every year I believe it's going to happen. And I believe we're right on the edge right now.

"And when we have that winning season, it will be great. Anytime there are great odds, the rewards of winning are greater. It's going to be great."

— Jonathan Feigen

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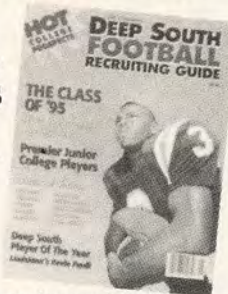
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CLEMSON

Sept. 2 WESTERN CAROLINA
Sept. 9 FLORIDA STATE
Sept. 16 at Wake Forest
Sept. 23 VIRGINIA
Sept. 30 at N.C. State
Oct. 7 GEORGIA
Oct. 21 at Maryland
Oct. 28 at Georgia Tech
Nov. 4 NORTH CAROLINA
Nov. 11 DUKE
Nov. 18 at South Carolina

DUKE

Sept. 2 at Florida State*
Sept. 9 RUTGERS
Sept. 16 at Army
Sept. 23 at Maryland
Sept. 30 NAVY
Oct. 7 GEORGIA TECH
Oct. 14 at Virginia
Oct. 21 N.C. STATE
Oct. 28 WAKE FOREST
Nov. 11 at Clemson
Nov. 18 at North Carolina
* at Orlando, FL/Citrus Bowl

FLORIDA STATE

Sept. 2 DUKE*
Sept. 9 at Clemson
Sept. 16 N.C. STATE
Sept. 23 CENTRAL FLORIDA
Oct. 7 MIAMI
Oct. 14 WAKE FOREST
Oct. 21 GEORGIA TECH
Nov. 2 at Virginia
Nov. 11 at North Carolina
Nov. 18 MARYLAND
Nov. 25 at Florida
* at Orlando, FL/Citrus Bowl

GEORGIA TECH

Sept. 2 FURMAN
Sept. 7 at Arizona
Sept. 16 at Virginia
Sept. 28 MARYLAND
Oct. 7 at Duke
Oct. 14 NORTH CAROLINA
Oct. 21 at Florida State
Oct. 28 CLEMSON
Nov. 4 at Wake Forest
Nov. 11 N.C. STATE
Nov. 23 GEORGIA

MARYLAND

Sept. 2 at Tulane
Sept. 9 NORTH CAROLINA
Sept. 16 WEST VIRGINIA
Sept. 23 DUKE
Sept. 28 at Georgia Tech
Oct. 7 at Wake Forest
Oct. 21 CLEMSON
Oct. 28 at Louisville
Nov. 4 at N.C. State
Nov. 11 VIRGINIA
Nov. 18 at Florida State

NORTH CAROLINA

Sept. 2 SYRACUSE
Sept. 9 at Maryland
Sept. 21 at Louisville
Sept. 30 OHIO UNIVERSITY
Oct. 7 VIRGINIA
Oct. 14 at Georgia Tech
Oct. 21 WAKE FOREST
Nov. 4 at Clemson
Nov. 11 FLORIDA STATE
Nov. 18 DUKE
Nov. 24 at N.C. State

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Sept. 2 MARSHALL
Sept. 9 VIRGINIA
Sept. 16 at Florida State
Sept. 23 BAYLOR
Sept. 30 CLEMSON
Oct. 7 at Alabama
Oct. 21 at Duke
Nov. 4 MARYLAND
Nov. 11 at Georgia Tech
Nov. 18 at Wake Forest
Nov. 24 NORTH CAROLINA

VIRGINIA

Aug. 26 at Michigan*
Sept. 2 WILLIAM & MARY

Sept. 9 at N.C. State
Sept. 16 GEORGIA TECH
Sept. 23 at Clemson
Sept. 30 WAKE FOREST
Oct. 7 at North Carolina
Oct. 14 DUKE
Oct. 21 at Texas
Nov. 2 FLORIDA STATE
Nov. 11 at Maryland
Nov. 18 VIRGINIA TECH
* 1995 Pigskin Classic (Ann Arbor, MI)

WAKE FOREST

Sept. 2 APPALACHIAN STATE
Sept. 9 at Tulane
Sept. 16 CLEMSON
Sept. 23 at Navy
Sept. 30 at Virginia
Oct. 7 MARYLAND
Oct. 14 at Florida State
Oct. 21 at North Carolina
Oct. 28 at Duke
Nov. 4 GEORGIA TECH
Nov. 18 N.C. STATE

BIG EAST

BOSTON COLLEGE

Aug. 27 Ohio State*
Sept. 2 at Virginia Tech
Sept. 16 MICHIGAN
Sept. 30 at Michigan State
Oct. 7 PITTSBURGH
Oct. 14 WEST VIRGINIA
Oct. 21 ARMY
Oct. 28 at Notre Dame
Nov. 4 at Temple
Nov. 11 MIAMI
Nov. 18 at Syracuse
Nov. 24 at Rutgers
* Kickoff Classic (East Rutherford, NJ)

MIAMI

Sept. 2 at UCLA
Sept. 9 FLORIDA A&M
Sept. 23 at Virginia Tech
Oct. 7 at Florida State
Oct. 14 RUTGERS
Oct. 21 at Pittsburgh
Oct. 28 TEMPLE
Nov. 4 BAYLOR
Nov. 11 at Boston College
Nov. 18 WEST VIRGINIA
Nov. 25 SYRACUSE

PITTSBURGH

Sept. 2 WASHINGTON STATE
Sept. 9 EASTERN MICHIGAN
Sept. 16 at Texas
Sept. 23 OHIO STATE
Sept. 30 VIRGINIA TECH
Oct. 7 at Boston College
Oct. 14 at Temple
Oct. 21 MIAMI
Oct. 28 at Rutgers
Nov. 11 SYRACUSE
Nov. 24 at West Virginia

RUTGERS

Sept. 9 at Duke
Sept. 16 NAVY
Sept. 23 PENN STATE
Sept. 30 SYRACUSE
Oct. 14 at Miami
Oct. 21 VIRGINIA TECH
Oct. 28 PITTSBURGH
Nov. 4 at West Virginia
Nov. 11 at Tulane
Nov. 18 at Temple
Nov. 24 BOSTON COLLEGE

SYRACUSE

Sept. 2 at North Carolina
Sept. 9 EAST CAROLINA
Sept. 23 MINNESOTA
Sept. 30 at Rutgers
Oct. 7 TEMPLE
Oct. 14 EASTERN MICHIGAN
Oct. 21 WEST VIRGINIA
Nov. 4 at Virginia Tech
Nov. 11 at Pittsburgh
Nov. 18 BOSTON COLLEGE
Nov. 25 at Miami

TEMPLE

Sept. 2 at Kansas State
Sept. 9 at West Virginia

Sept. 16 at Penn State
Sept. 30 BOWLING GREEN
Oct. 7 at Syracuse
Oct. 14 PITTSBURGH
Oct. 21 at East Carolina
Oct. 28 at Miami
Nov. 4 BOSTON COLLEGE
Nov. 11 VIRGINIA TECH
Nov. 18 RUTGERS

VIRGINIA TECH

Sept. 7 BOSTON COLLEGE
Sept. 16 CINCINNATI
Sept. 23 MIAMI
Sept. 30 at Pittsburgh
Oct. 7 at Navy
Oct. 14 AKRON
Oct. 21 at Rutgers
Oct. 28 at West Virginia
Nov. 4 SYRACUSE
Nov. 11 at Temple
Nov. 18 at Virginia

WEST VIRGINIA

Sept. 2 PURDUE
Sept. 9 TEMPLE
Sept. 16 at Maryland
Sept. 23 KENT
Sept. 30 at East Carolina
Oct. 14 at Boston College
Oct. 21 at Syracuse
Oct. 28 VIRGINIA TECH
Nov. 4 RUTGERS
Nov. 18 at Miami
Nov. 24 PITTSBURGH

BIG EIGHT

COLORADO

Sept. 2 at Wisconsin
Sept. 9 COLORADO STATE
Sept. 16 NORTHEAST LOUISIANA
Sept. 23 TEXAS A&M
Oct. 7 at Oklahoma
Oct. 14 KANSAS
Oct. 21 at Iowa State
Oct. 28 NEBRASKA
Nov. 4 at Oklahoma State
Nov. 11 MISSOURI
Nov. 18 at Kansas State

IOWA STATE

Aug. 31 OHIO UNIVERSITY
Sept. 9 at TCU
Sept. 16 IOWA
Sept. 23 UNIV
Oct. 7 OKLAHOMA
Oct. 14 at Kansas
Oct. 21 COLORADO
Oct. 28 OKLAHOMA STATE
Nov. 4 at Nebraska
Nov. 11 KANSAS STATE
Nov. 18 at Missouri

KANSAS

Sept. 2 CINCINNATI
Sept. 9 at North Texas
Sept. 14 TCU
Sept. 23 HOUSTON
Oct. 7 at Colorado
Oct. 14 IOWA STATE
Oct. 21 at Oklahoma
Oct. 28 at Kansas State
Nov. 4 MISSOURI
Nov. 11 NEBRASKA
Nov. 18 at Oklahoma State

KANSAS STATE

Sept. 2 TEMPLE
Sept. 9 at Cincinnati
Sept. 23 AKRON
Sept. 30 NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Oct. 7 MISSOURI
Oct. 14 at Oklahoma State
Oct. 21 at Nebraska
Oct. 28 KANSAS
Nov. 4 OKLAHOMA
Nov. 11 at Iowa State
Nov. 18 COLORADO

MISSOURI

Sept. 2 NORTH TEXAS
Sept. 9 BOWLING GREEN
Sept. 16 at Texas Tech
Sept. 23 NORTHEAST LOUISIANA
Oct. 7 at Kansas State
Oct. 14 at Nebraska

Oct. 21 OKLAHOMA STATE
Oct. 28 OKLAHOMA
Nov. 4 at Kansas
Nov. 11 at Colorado
Nov. 18 IOWA STATE

NEBRASKA

Sept. 9 at Michigan State
Sept. 16 ARIZONA STATE
Sept. 23 PACIFIC
Sept. 30 WASHINGTON STATE
Oct. 7 at Oklahoma State
Oct. 14 MISSOURI
Oct. 21 KANSAS STATE
Oct. 28 at Colorado
Nov. 4 IOWA STATE
Nov. 11 at Kansas
Nov. 24 OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA

Sept. 9 SAN DIEGO STATE
Sept. 16 SMU*
Sept. 23 NORTH TEXAS
Sept. 30 COLORADO
Oct. 7 at Iowa State
Oct. 14 at Texas
Oct. 21 KANSAS
Oct. 28 at Missouri
Nov. 4 at Kansas State
Nov. 11 OKLAHOMA STATE
Nov. 24 at Nebraska
* at Dallas

OKLAHOMA STATE

Sept. 2 at Wyoming
Sept. 9 at Tulsa
Sept. 16 SOUTHWEST MISSOURI
Sept. 30 at Tennessee
Oct. 7 NEBRASKA
Oct. 14 KANSAS STATE
Oct. 21 at Missouri
Oct. 28 at Iowa State
Nov. 4 COLORADO
Nov. 11 at Oklahoma
Nov. 18 KANSAS
Dec. 2 at Hawaii

BIG TEN

ILLINOIS

Sept. 2 MICHIGAN
Sept. 9 at Oregon
Sept. 16 ARIZONA
Sept. 23 EAST CAROLINA
Oct. 7 at Indiana
Oct. 14 MICHIGAN STATE
Oct. 28 NORTHWESTERN
Nov. 4 at Iowa
Nov. 11 at Ohio State
Nov. 18 MINNESOTA
Nov. 25 at Wisconsin

INDIANA

Sept. 9 WESTERN MICHIGAN
Sept. 16 KENTUCKY
Sept. 23 SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
Sept. 30 at Northwestern
Oct. 7 ILLINOIS
Oct. 14 at Iowa
Oct. 21 MICHIGAN
Oct. 28 at Penn State
Nov. 11 MICHIGAN STATE
Nov. 18 at Ohio State
Nov. 24 PURDUE

IOWA

Sept. 9 NORTHERN IOWA
Sept. 16 at Iowa State
Sept. 30 NEW MEXICO STATE
Oct. 7 at Michigan State
Oct. 14 INDIANA
Oct. 21 PENN STATE
Oct. 28 at Ohio State
Nov. 11 ILLINOIS
Nov. 18 at Northwestern
Nov. 25 at Wisconsin

MICHIGAN

Aug. 26 VIRGINIA*
Sept. 2 at Illinois
Sept. 9 MEMPHIS
Sept. 16 at Boston College
Sept. 30 MIAMI (OH)
Oct. 7 NORTHWESTERN
Oct. 21 at Indiana
Oct. 28 MINNESOTA

Nov. 4 at Michigan State
Nov. 11 PURDUE
Nov. 18 at Penn State
Nov. 25 OHIO STATE
* 1995 Pigskin Classic (Ann Arbor, MI)

MICHIGAN STATE

Sept. 9 NEBRASKA
Sept. 16 at Louisville
Sept. 23 at Purdue
Sept. 30 BOSTON COLLEGE
Oct. 7 IOWA
Oct. 14 at Illinois
Oct. 21 MINNESOTA
Oct. 28 at Wisconsin
Nov. 4 MICHIGAN
Nov. 11 at Indiana
Nov. 25 PENN STATE

MINNESOTA

Sept. 16 BALL STATE
Sept. 23 at Syracuse
Sept. 30 ARKANSAS STATE
Oct. 7 PURDUE
Oct. 14 NORTHWESTERN
Oct. 21 at Michigan State
Oct. 28 at Michigan
Nov. 4 OHIO STATE
Nov. 11 WISCONSIN
Nov. 18 at Illinois
Nov. 25 at Iowa

NORTHWESTERN

Sept. 2 at Notre Dame
Sept. 16 MIAMI (OH)
Sept. 23 AIR FORCE
Sept. 30 INDIANA
Oct. 7 at Michigan
Oct. 14 at Minnesota
Oct. 21 WISCONSIN
Oct. 28 at Illinois
Nov. 4 PENN STATE
Nov. 11 IOWA
Nov. 18 at Purdue

OHIO STATE

Aug. 27 BOSTON COLLEGE*
Sept. 16 WASHINGTON
Sept. 23 at Pittsburgh
Sept. 30 NOTRE DAME
Oct. 7 at Penn State
Oct. 14 at Wisconsin
Oct. 21 PURDUE
Oct. 28 IOWA
Nov. 4 at Minnesota
Nov. 11 ILLINOIS
Nov. 18 INDIANA
Nov. 25 at Michigan
* Kickoff Classic (East Rutherford, NJ)

PENN STATE

Sept. 9 TEXAS TECH
Sept. 16 TEMPLE
Sept. 23 at Rutgers
Sept. 30 WISCONSIN
Oct. 7 OHIO STATE
Oct. 14 at Purdue
Oct. 21 at Iowa
Oct. 28 INDIANA
Nov. 4 at Northwestern
Nov. 18 MICHIGAN
Nov. 25 at Michigan State

PURDUE

Sept. 2 at West Virginia
Sept. 9 NOTRE DAME
Sept. 23 MICHIGAN STATE
Sept. 30 BALL STATE
Oct. 7 at Minnesota
Oct. 14 PENN STATE
Oct. 21 at Ohio State
Oct. 28 WISCONSIN
Nov. 11 at Michigan
Nov. 18 NORTHWESTERN
Nov. 24 at Indiana

WISCONSIN

Sept. 2 COLORADO
Sept. 16 at Stanford
Sept. 23 SMU
Sept. 30 at Penn State
Oct. 14 OHIO STATE
Oct. 21 at Northwestern
Oct. 28 MICHIGAN STATE
Nov. 4 at Purdue
Nov. 11 at Minnesota
Nov. 18 IOWA
Nov. 25 ILLINOIS

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ARIZONA

Sept. 2 PACIFIC
Sept. 7 GEORGIA TECH
Sept. 16 at Illinois
Sept. 23 USC
Sept. 30 CALIFORNIA
Oct. 14 at UCLA
Oct. 21 WASHINGTON
Oct. 28 at Washington State
Nov. 4 at Oregon State
Nov. 11 OREGON
Nov. 24 at Arizona State

ARIZONA STATE

Sept. 2 at Washington
Sept. 9 Texas-El Paso
Sept. 16 at Nebraska
Sept. 23 OREGON STATE
Sept. 30 at USC
Oct. 7 STANFORD
Oct. 14 BYU
Oct. 28 at Oregon
Nov. 4 UCLA
Nov. 11 at California
Nov. 24 ARIZONA

CALIFORNIA

Sept. 2 at San Diego State
Sept. 9 FRESNO STATE
Sept. 23 SAN JOSE STATE
Sept. 30 at Arizona
Oct. 7 USC
Oct. 14 OREGON
Oct. 21 at Oregon State
Oct. 28 at UCLA
Nov. 4 WASHINGTON STATE
Nov. 11 ARIZONA STATE
Nov. 18 at Stanford

OREGON

Sept. 2 at Utah
Sept. 9 ILLINOIS
Sept. 16 at UCLA
Sept. 23 STANFORD
Oct. 7 PACIFIC
Oct. 14 at California
Oct. 21 WASHINGTON STATE
Oct. 28 ARIZONA STATE
Nov. 4 at Washington
Nov. 11 at Arizona
Nov. 18 OREGON STATE

OREGON STATE

Sept. 2 IDAHO
Sept. 9 at Pacific
Sept. 16 at North Texas
Sept. 23 ARIZONA STATE
Sept. 30 WASHINGTON
Oct. 7 at Washington State
Oct. 21 CALIFORNIA
Oct. 28 at Stanford
Nov. 4 ARIZONA
Nov. 11 USC
Nov. 18 at Oregon

STANFORD

Sept. 2 at San Jose State
Sept. 9 at Utah
Sept. 16 WISCONSIN
Sept. 23 at Oregon
Oct. 7 at Arizona State
Oct. 14 WASHINGTON
Oct. 21 UCLA
Oct. 28 OREGON STATE
Nov. 4 at USC
Nov. 11 at Washington State
Nov. 18 CALIFORNIA

UCLA

Sept. 2 MIAMI
Sept. 9 at BYU
Sept. 16 OREGON
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Oct. 14 ARIZONA
Oct. 21 at Stanford
Oct. 28 CALIFORNIA
Nov. 4 at Arizona State
Nov. 11 WASHINGTON
Nov. 18 at USC

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Notre Dame

FIGHTING IRISH

Holtz Hopes Diets Return Irish To Heavyweights

Step up to the scales, Notre Dame lads. Biggest All-American candidates go first.

Mr. Leahy?

"Ryan Leahy has lost some weight,"

Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz says of his leaner, presumably meaner starting right guard. The fifth-year senior with blue-and-gold DNA plans on playing this season at a trim 285 pounds — about three Big Macs and a couple milkshakes a week lighter than last season.

Mr. Mayes?

"Derrick Mayes has lost 21 pounds,"

Holtz said about his star receiver, "and I expect him to have an even better year this year than last year."

Obviously not in the dining hall. But a smaller, swifter Mayes improves his record numbers from '94 only if quarterback Ron Powlus keeps improving, too, from his rookie season.

Speaking of Mr. Powlus, it's your turn to blush, Ron.

"Ron Powlus is 214," Holtz said. "He has dropped eight pounds. I'd like to see him drop about another nine or 10 before the season. I'd like to see him down around 200, 202."

Two-oh-two? Nobody has seen Powlus that puny since... since... Ron?

"I haven't seen 202 since the eighth grade," was how Powlus responded to his coach's request.

With as much concern for counting calories as is going on at Notre Dame these days, one would swear Jenny Craig or Richard Simmons was on staff, though neither was spotted hanging around spring practice.

It seems a little ironic that Holtz duly noted that some significant Irish players have shed some poundage in preparation for the 1995 season when, in fact, few if any Notre Dame football teams have been weighted down so heavily with the burden of lost opportunity as the one that will open Sept. 2 against Northwestern.

"I can tell you this," Holtz said, "the attitude of the offensive line and the

whole attitude of this football team is not one of enthusiasm, not one of jubilation, not one of confidence. The whole attitude of this football team is one of determination. It is no guarantee that we are going to be a good football team, but it is a determined attitude."

Nothing sharpens a player's memory more than failure. And around South Bend — where Holtz is so popular he would be cheered for getting a parking ticket and Powlus can't get through all the megabytes of computer mail he has received from adoring fans — locals, the "subway alumni" and the rest of the national following deem a 6-5-1 season like the one assembled last fall as failure.

What happened? It depends on the source. An explanation exists for every No. 3 jersey sold in the campus bookstore.

The *Cliffs Notes* version: A lack of cohesion had more to do with the downfall than a lack of athletic talent, though Holtz has said often that other programs possess more depth and skill. But one distraction led to another and to another last season, and, as fast as you can say bad chemistry, a 4-1 record and national-title

considerations were transformed into 6-4-1 and bowl-coalition pity.

As bad as the season went, the Irish finished even worse with a 41-24 loss to Colorado in the Fiesta Bowl.

Holtz, who likes the grips on his teams to be as tight as a Powlus spiral, searched in vain for answers.

"I think last year was the most frustrating year I have ever had as a football coach because we never got it solved," he admitted. "Usually we have been able."

He devoted his offseason to correcting the problem. Like many successful coaches given mediocrity when they expect superiority, Holtz says he re-evaluated everything in his program, from the type of practice jersey to the number of first-down pass attempts.

To develop a healthier camaraderie, Holtz divvied up his team and held a basketball tournament before spring practice, will hole up his team during two-a-day practices for a week at Culver Military Academy about 40 miles southeast of campus, and will not choose captains.

He plans to deem the responsibility of leadership on the entire senior class.

To make the talent match the togetherness, he made Bob Chmiel, a former Michigan assistant hired last October, the new recruiting coordinator. Chmiel could sell peanut butter in the desert, and immediately made an impact. Notre Dame signed what many regard as the top recruiting class in the country in February, some of whom will be asked to cure themselves of homesickness in a hurry.

Kicker Kevin Kopka, for instance, enters a situation handled by non-scholarship players the past two seasons. They call Kopka "Thunderfoot," and Notre Dame coaches and fans fully expect him to shake some this fall. Other freshmen likely to be wearing monogram jackets by

NOTRE DAME AT A GLANCE

1994: 6-5-1 overall

THE '90s: 46-13-2 overall, 3-2 bowls

LAST NATIONAL TITLE: 1988

COACH: Lou Holtz

At Notre Dame: 83-24-2, 9 years

Overall: 199-89-7, 25 years

PLAYERS TO WATCH: OLB Bert Berry, RB Randy Kinder, FS Brian Magee, WR Derrick Mayes, QB Ron Powlus.

OVERVIEW: If the Irish can protect Powlus and muster up a respectable defense for a change, they might not lose to anybody. A soft schedule is there for the taking, and Holtz knows how to take it.

MOST OPPONENTS ASSIGNED AN EXTRA DEFENDER TO DERRICK MAYES LAST SEASON, BUT HE STILL CAUGHT 47 PASSES FOR 847 YARDS AND 11 TDs.

PHOTO BY CHARLES BERNHARDT



FIGHTING IRISH RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Bobby BROWN WR	6-3, 175	Lauderhill, FL	St. Thomas Aquinas
SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 13 wide receiver nationally ♦ As a senior, caught 35 passes for 575 yards and seven touchdowns ♦ Had 21 tackles and intercepted two passes ♦ Runs 4.55 in 40-yard dash.			
Lamont BRYANT DE	6-4, 235	Georgetown, SC	Choppee
Prep Football Report All-Mid Atlantic Defensive Player-of-the-Year ♦ Atlanta Journal-Constitution Super Southern 100 ♦ USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ As a senior, was in on 160 tackles with six sacks.			
John CERASANI TE	6-4, 245	Schaumburg, IL	Schaumburg
Ranked No. 4 tight end nationally by BlueChip Illustrated ♦ SuperPrep rated No. 12 tight end nationally ♦ All-State ♦ Prep Football Report All-American ♦ As a senior, caught 27 passes for 459 yards and six touchdowns.			
Autry DENSON RB	5-10, 175	Lauderhill, FL	Nova
Parade All-American ♦ Ranked No. 9 running back nationally by SuperPrep and BlueChip Illustrated ♦ USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ Atlanta Journal-Constitution Super Southern 100.			
Jimmy FRIDAY LB	6-3, 230	Missouri City, TX	Willowridge
Parade All-American ♦ USA Today All-American ♦ Ranked No. 4 linebacker nationally by BlueChip Illustrated and No. 5 by SuperPrep ♦ As a senior, missed several games with injury, still making 110 tackles ♦ Had 10 sacks and seven tackles for loss ♦ Had 34 career sacks ♦ All-District in track ♦ Had 4.4 GPA on 4.0 scale.			
Benny GUILBEAUX DB	6-4, 210	Opelousas, LA	Opelousas
SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 7 defensive back nationally ♦ Atlanta Journal-Constitution Super Southern 100 ♦ All-State ♦ As a senior, was in on 124 tackles and intercepted one pass.			
Bobbie HOWARD LB	5-11, 210	Rand, WV	DuPont
USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ Two-time All-State ♦ Helped team to two state titles ♦ As a senior, had 89 solo tackles, 36 assists, six tackles for loss, three interceptions, five caused fumbles and three recovered.			
James JACKSON RB	5-10, 205	Belle Glade, FL	Glades Central
SuperPrep All-American, rated No. 12 running back nationally ♦ Prep Football Report All-American ♦ BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 6 runner in Southeast ♦ Atlanta Journal-Constitution Super Southern 100.			
Jarious JACKSON QB	6-2, 215	Tupelo, MS	Tupelo
BlueChip Illustrated All-American, rated No. 6 quarterback nationally ♦ SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 10 quarterback ♦ USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ As a senior, had 2,100 yards total offense.. Two-year totals of 1,698 rushing yards and 20 touchdowns, and 12 pass completions for scores.			
Anthony JONES DL	6-4, 237	Piqua, OH	Piqua
SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 7 defensive lineman nationally ♦ Prep Football Report All-Midwest Defensive Player-of-the-Year ♦ As a senior, had 18 sacks and 31 tackles for loss ♦ Caught seven passes for 110 yards.			
Shelton JORDAN LB	6-4, 230	Opelousas, LA	Westminster
Atlanta Journal-Constitution Super Southern 100 ♦ League Defensive Most Valuable Player ♦ As a senior, had 47 solo tackles, 94 assists, 19.5 sacks and two fumble recoveries, both returned for touchdowns.			
Kevin KOPKA K	5-8, 175	Hollywood, FL	Hollywood Hills
SuperPrep All-American ♦ BlueChip Illustrated All-American, rated No. 1 kicker in Southeast ♦ Never missed a prep extra point attempt ♦ Hit a 54-yard field goal as a sophomore and a 52-yarder as a junior.			
Kory MINOR LB	6-2, 225	LaVerne, CA	Bishop Amat
USA Today national Defensive Player-of-the-Year ♦ Parade All-American ♦ SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 7 linebacker nationally ♦ BlueChip Illustrated All-American ♦ As a senior, had 31 solo tackles, 63 assists, and 20.5 sacks			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Randy MOSS WR	6-5, 205	Belle, WV	DuPont
USA Today All-American ♦ Parade All-American ♦ BlueChip Illustrated All-American, ranked No. 1 receiver nationally ♦ SuperPrep All-American ♦ As a senior, caught 39 passes for 808 yards and 14 touchdowns and had 73 tackles as free safety.			
Alex MUELLER OL	6-6, 260	Ellicott City, MD	Gilman
Two-year starter ♦ Helped team to share of conference championship ♦ Member of hockey and lacrosse teams.			
Tim RIDDER OL	6-7, 280	Omaha, NE	Creighton Prep
USA Today All-American ♦ Parade All-American ♦ Ranked No. 4 offensive lineman nationally by BlueChip Illustrated and No. 9 by SuperPrep ♦ Three-year, two-way starter ♦ As a senior, had 79 solo tackles and six sacks ♦ Member of track and basketball teams.			
Mike ROSENTHAL OL	6-7, 290	Granger	Penn
USA Today All-American ♦ Parade All-American ♦ SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 1 offensive lineman nationally ♦ National Recruiting Advisor All-American ♦ Gatorade Player-of-the-Year for Indiana ♦ All-State ♦ Gave up only one sack in over two seasons.			
A'Jani SANDERS DB	5-11, 175	Houston, TX	North Brook
SuperPrep All-American, rated No. 28 defensive back nationally ♦ Prep Football Report All-American ♦ As a senior, had 93 tackles and four interceptions ♦ Had 92 tackles, four sacks and three interceptions as a junior.			
Hunter SMITH P/ATH	6-3, 195	Sherman, TX	Sherman
As a senior, punted 30 times for average of over 40 yards per kick ♦ As quarterback, led team to state playoffs ♦ Threw for 930 yards and 13 touchdowns and ran for 500 yards and eight scores ♦ As a junior, caught 47 passes for 937 yards and nine touchdowns.			
Jamie SPENCER FB	6-1, 245	Monroe, LA	Quachita
Parade All-American ♦ SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 6 running back nationally ♦ USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ Atlanta Journal-Constitution Super Southern 100 ♦ As a senior, ran for 1,337 yards and 19 touchdowns ♦ Helped team to state championship ♦ As a junior, rushed for 1,843 yards and 21 scores.			
Shannon STEPHENS RB	5-10, 175	Houston, TX	Clear Lake
SuperPrep All-American, rated No. 22 running back nationally ♦ Prep Football Report All-American ♦ As a senior, rushed for 1,278 yards and 14 touchdowns ♦ Made 167 tackles, intercepted one pass and blocked one kick.			
Mario STRAYHORN DB	6-2, 205	Cincinnati, OH	Princeton
Parade All-American ♦ SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 23 defensive back nationally ♦ As a senior, made 123 tackles, five interceptions and two fumble recoveries ♦ Team captain ♦ Had 273 career tackles and 13 interceptions.			
Joe THOMAS LB	6-3, 205	Dallas, TX	Lincoln
SuperPrep All-American, rated No. 24 linebacker nationally ♦ Prep Football Report All-American ♦ During past two seasons, had 15 sacks and 24 tackles for loss ♦ Career totals of 327 solo tackles, five interceptions, 22 sacks and 16 caused fumbles ♦ Caught five scoring passes as senior tight end ♦ Member of basketball team.			
John WAGNER OL	6-8, 300	Cheshire, CT	Cheshire
Prep Football Report All-American ♦ Ranked No. 6 player in Northeast by SuperPrep ♦ BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 2 offensive lineman in Big East Region ♦ Team captain ♦ Helped team to three straight state titles.			
Jerry WISNE DL	6-7, 282	Tulsa, OK	Jenks
USA Today All-American ♦ Parade All-American ♦ SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 15 defensive lineman nationally ♦ BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 6 defensive lineman nationally ♦ As a senior, made 76 tackles, including 15 for loss and seven sacks.			

'94 RESULTS

(6-5-1)

42	Northwestern	15
24	Michigan	26
21	Michigan State	20
39	Purdue	21
34	Stanford	15
11	Boston College	30
14	BYU	21
58	Navy	21
16	Florida State	23
42	Air Force	30
17	Southern Cal	17
24	FIESTA BOWL Colorado	41

'94 STATS

PASSING						
NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
Powlus	222	119	1729	53.6	19	9
Krug	16	7	98	43.8	1	1
RUSHING						
NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD	
Kinder	119	702	5.9	41	4	
Becton	100	550	5.5	37	3	
Zellers	79	466	5.9	62	3	
Edwards	48	307	6.4	37	2	
RECEIVING						
NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD	
Mayes	47	847	18.0	60	11	
Stafford	18	254	14.1	34	3	
Miller	17	276	16.2	47	2	
DEFENSIVE LEADERS						
TACKLES: Magee 81; Sample 70; Goheen 61; Wooden 59; Gibson 59; Davis 56; Grasmanis 49; Wynn 47.						
INTERCEPTIONS: Magee 1; Covington 1; Sample 1.						
QB SACKS: Berry 6; Sample 5; Goheen 4; Gibson 4; Nau 4; Grasmanis 2.5; Hamilton 2; Dansby 1.5.						
TACKLES FOR LOSS: Gibson 7; Sample 4; Wynn 4; Hamilton 4; Grasmanis 3; Nau 3; Cobbins 3.						

'95 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	NORTHWESTERN
Sept. 9	at Purdue
Sept. 16	VANDERBILT
Sept. 23	TEXAS
Sept. 30	at Ohio State
Oct. 7	at Washington
Oct. 14	at Army*
Oct. 21	SOUTHERN CAL
Oct. 28	BOSTON COLLEGE
Nov. 4	NAVY
Nov. 18	at Air Force
*at Giants Stadium	

THE IRISH RUNNING GAME, LED BY RANDY KINDER, WILL BE A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO RON POWLUS AND THE PASSING GAME.

PHOTO BY BOB ROSATO

Christmas include fullback Jamie Spencer, wide receiver Randy Moss — if his legal troubles clear up — linebackers Jimmy Friday and Kory Minor, safety Mario Strayhorn and punter Hunter Smith.

"I have not seen a freshman class coming in that has a better chance to make a contribution," Holtz said. "It's a very exceptional, a very intelligent and a very talented class. I think their natural talent and maturity will give them an opportunity to play early."

The frosh will be worthy tenants on the field in the House that Rockne Built, but the lease to the team still belongs to some of the more experienced Irish who likely won't be supplanted. Leahy, center Dusty Zeigler and guard Jeremy Akers give Notre Dame the strong senior presence on the offensive line that it lacked a year ago.

Then, of course, there is Powlus, who appears even more comfortable and confident knowing his blockers have learned from a season of being a swinging gate for pass rushers.

"What I am really looking forward to or what has to happen on this football team is Ron Powlus has got to be one of the strong leaders on it," Holtz said. "I wrote this article (for *Scholastic Coach*) in 1961 when I was coaching the backs at William & Mary: If you take a brand new car and you gave it to an individual who could not drive, that car would not be of much use, nor would it be very, very productive. (But) if you took an average car and gave it to a good driver, you would be able to go virtually anywhere you wanted.

"I think it is the same thing with a football team."

And perhaps this football team.

Powlus stores the keys safely in his locker. After a rookie season running around for his scholarship that still produced a school record in TD passes (22) and more than 2,000 passing yards, the Berwick, Pa., native has no doubts about his steering.

"Last year I was so concerned with what I had to do right," he said. "I had to do it right, so I didn't worry about other people. That probably hurt the team. This year I know what I'm doing and will be able to take control and keep it in the right direction."

Mayes will make the navigation easier. The senior who said no to the NFL so



he could graduate, catches more than just the highlight-film material NBC and others televise every fall Saturday. He dives on the Loftus Center turf in April. He goes airborne in August. He gets grass stains in pregame.

Notre Dame coaches and Mayes himself expect opponents to assign an extra

defender to him this season; after all they did most of '94. He still caught 47 passes for 847 yards and 11 TDs.

"He'll get double-teamed again," Holtz says matter of factly. "But he'll still have a big year."

He must, as much for the Notre Dame defense as for the passing game.

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No.	NAME	Pos.	CLASS	Ht.	Wt.	HOMETOWN	No.	NAME	Pos.	CLASS	Ht.	Wt.	HOMETOWN
63	Joseph Adent	LB	Sr.	6-0	204	Baroda, MI	1	Derrick Mayes	SE	Sr.	6-1	221	Indianapolis
76	Jeremy Akers	OG	Sr.	6-5	281	Washington, DC	26	Chris McCarthy	K	So.	5-11	196	Arlington, VA
41	Joe Babey	LB	Sr.	6-1	223	Louisville, KY	84	Dan McConnell	FL	Sr.	5-8	182	Alton, IL
28	Ken Barry	FB	So.	6-0	205	Berkeley, MO	62	Mike McCullough	NG	Sr.	6-2	310	Chaska, MN
56	Kurt Belisle	LB	So.	6-2	222	Bradley, IL	17	Mark McKenna	QB	Jr.	5-11	179	Hinsdale, IL
95	Corey Bennett	DE	So.	6-1	221	Doraville, GA	33	John McLaughlin	LB	So.	6-4	216	Valencia, CA
13	Bert Berry	LB	Jr.	6-3	228	Humble, TX	64	Steve Misetic	OG	Sr.	6-5	274	Skokie, IL
13	John Bishop	CB	Jr.	5-11	168	Berryville, AR	47	Bill Mitoulas	LB	So.	6-1	211	Toronto, Ontario
85	Mike Burdard	TE	Jr.	6-0	205	Sparta, NJ	87	Richard Rolle	SE	Sr.	6-1	159	Apple Valley, MN
40	Kevin Carretta	LB	Sr.	6-1	231	Fort Wayne	5	Emmett Mosley	FL	Jr.	5-8	182	Aurora, CO
12	Scott Cengia	K	So.	5-9	180	Melbourne, FL	8	Gus Ornstein	QB	So.	6-6	214	Tenally, NJ
18	Cikai Champion	SE	Jr.	5-10	187	Tyler, TX	35	Scott Palumbo	K	Sr.	6-0	188	Phoenix, AZ
98	Pete Chryplewicz	TE	Sr.	6-5	267	Sterling Heights, MI	10	Mike Perona	QB	Jr.	6-1	188	Peru, IL
75	Chris Clevenger	OT	Jr.	6-8	266	Wichita, KS	16	Brian Perry	FS	Jr.	6-0	203	Avon Park, FL
6	Lyron Cobbins	LB	Jr.	6-0	245	Kansas City, KS	54	Luke Pettigout	OG	So.	6-6	283	Georgetown, DE
14	Ivory Covington	CB	So.	5-9	155	Decatur, GA	3	Ron Powlus	QB	Jr.	6-2	225	Berwick, PA
51	Melvin Dansby	DE	Jr.	6-3	258	Birmingham, AL	69	David Quist	DG	Sr.	6-6	278	Boulder, CO
73	Mike Doughty	OT	Jr.	6-7	285	Elko, MN	97	Corey Redder	LB	So.	6-1	213	Forestville, MD
30	Jarvis Edison	FS	So.	6-4	200	Boy City, TX	15	Allen Rossum	CB	So.	5-7	174	Dallas, TX
44	Marc Edwards	FB	Jr.	6-0	223	Norwood, OH	91	Darnell Smith	DE	Jr.	6-5	272	Milwaukee, WI
31	Robert Farmer	TB	Jr.	5-10	219	Bolingbrook, IL	18	Wade Smith	QB	Jr.	6-3	185	Garland, TX
90	Ben Foos	DE	Sr.	6-4	241	Louisville, KY	83	Scott Sollmann	FL	Jr.	5-8	163	Cincinnati, OH
42	Mike Frascogna	SE	Sr.	5-8	153	Jackson, MS	78	Jon Spickelmier	C	So.	6-2	267	Jacksonville, FL
23	Bill Gibbs	FS	Jr.	5-10	173	River Forest, IL	24	Charles Stafford	FL	Sr.	5-9	189	Detroit, MI
89	Ty Goode	CB	So.	5-11	180	Lincoln, NE	32	Clement Stokes	TB	So.	6-0	198	Washington, DC
93	Paul Grasmanis	NG	Sr.	6-2	275	Jenison, MI	38	Sim Stokes	FS	Jr.	6-0	191	Washington, DC
65	Matt Greisbach	OG	So.	6-0	263	Tulare, CA	99	Cliff Stroud	DE	Sr.	6-3	282	Tarentum, PA
80	Malcolm Johnson	SE	So.	6-4	202	Washington, DC	2	Kinnon Tatum	LB	Jr.	6-0	212	Fayetteville, NC
57	Rick Kaczinski	C	Jr.	6-4	261	Erie, PA	19	Marcus Thorne	FB	Sr.	6-0	226	Indianapolis
66	Jeff Kilburg	OT	Jr.	6-4	265	Park Ridge, IL	30	Chris Wachtel	P	Jr.	5-11	211	Massillon, OH
25	Randy Kinder	TB	Jr.	6-1	210	East Lansing, MI	43	Bill Wagasy	LB	Sr.	6-3	224	Springfield, MO
50	Thomas Knight	DE	Jr.	6-4	265	Memphis, TN	88	Leon Wallace	TE	Sr.	6-3	268	Bedford, TX
37	Jeff Kramer	LB	So.	6-2	210	Weatherford, TX	22	Shawn Wooden	CB	Sr.	5-11	185	Willow Grove, PA
11	Tom Krug	QB	Jr.	6-4	200	Los Gatos, CA	10	Larry Wright	SS	So.	5-10	204	West Monroe, LA
72	Ryan Leahy	OG	Sr.	6-4	299	Yakima, WA	48	Ronaldo Wynn	DE	Sr.	6-3	247	Chicago, IL
74	Will Lyell	C	Sr.	6-4	274	Brandon, MS	77	Dusty Zeigler	C	Sr.	6-6	288	Rincon, GA
17	Brian Magee	SS	Sr.	5-10	206	Largo, FL							
16	Jerry Maloney	K	Jr.	5-11	179	Spring Valley, CA							

Roster and depth chart subject to change.

OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
3	Ron Powlus*	Junior
11	Thomas Krug	Junior
NUMBER	FULLBACK	YEAR
44	Marc Edwards	Junior
28	Ken Barry	Sophomore
NUMBER	TAILBACK	YEAR
25	Randy Kinder	Junior
31	Robert Farmer	Junior
NUMBER	FLANKER	YEAR
24	Charles Stafford*	Senior
5	Emmett Mosley	Junior
NUMBER	SPLIT END	YEAR
1	Derrick Mayes*	Senior
18	Cikai Champion	Junior
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
88	Leon Wallace	Senior
98	Pete Chryplewicz	Senior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
75	Chris Clevenger*	Junior
66	Jeff Kilburg	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
76	Jeremy Akers*	Senior
54	Luke Pettigout	Sophomore
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
77	Dusty Zeigler*	Senior
57	Rick Kaczinski	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
72	Ryan Leahy*	Senior
64	Steve Misetic	Senior
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
73	Mike Doughty*	Junior
66	Jeff Kilburg	Junior

*Returning Starter

— DEFENSE —

NUMBER	LEFT END	YEAR
48	Ronaldo Wynn*	Senior
99	Cliff Stroud	Senior
NUMBER	MIDDLE GUARD	YEAR
93	Paul Grasmanis*	Senior
69	David Quist	Senior
NUMBER	RIGHT END	YEAR
95	Corey Bennett	Sophomore
90	Ben Foos	Senior
NUMBER	OUTSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
13	Bert Berry	Junior
33	John McLaughlin	Sophomore
NUMBER	INSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
6	Lyron Cobbins	Junior
41	Joe Babey	Senior
NUMBER	INSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
2	Kinnon Tatum	Junior
37	Jeff Kramer	Sophomore
NUMBER	OUTSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
43	Bill Wagasy	Senior
97	Corey Redder	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT CORNERBACK	YEAR
15	Allen Rossum	Sophomore
14	Ivory Covington	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT CORNERBACK	YEAR
22	Shawn Wooden*	Senior
89	Ty Goode	Sophomore
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
17	Brian Magee*	Senior
10	Larry Wright	Sophomore
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
30	Jarvis Edison	Sophomore
38	Sim Stokes	Junior

SPRING UPDATE

Offensive innovator Lou Holtz found another way to score points this spring: Tell the scoreboard operator how many he wants. And it worked — but it was, of course, at Notre Dame Stadium.

At halftime of a bland 0-0 spring game, Holtz awarded his No. 2 team 21 points against the Irish starters. The first unit responded with five TD passes from Ron Powlus to Charles Stafford in the second half.

Air Holtz?

"That felt good," pronounced Powlus, who capped a solid spring with the effort.

Stafford showed he could nicely complement All-American candidate Derrick Mayes, who missed most of the spring game with an injured shoulder.

◆ Notre Dame's other serious All-America hopeful, center Dusty Zeigler, also sprained his ankle during spring drills but is expected to return at full strength.

◆ The overall health of the Irish, among other things, put Holtz in an unusually optimistic frame of mind at the conclusion of spring football.

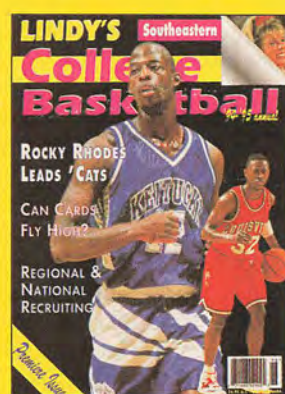
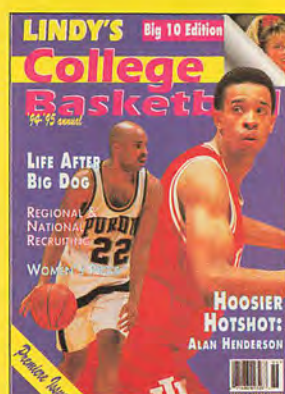
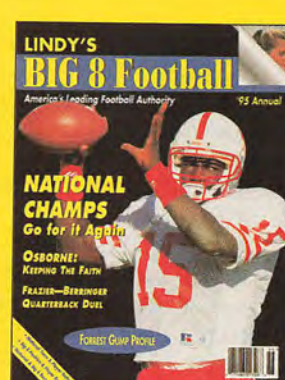
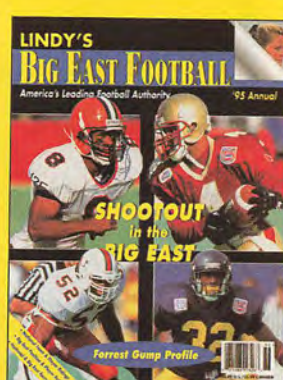
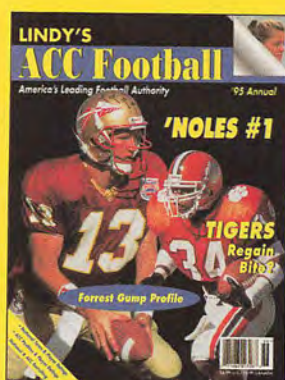
"I don't know if I've ever felt so good about a team after spring," Holtz said. "It's really important where we go from here."

◆ The secondary remains a problem area after starting safety LaRon Moore was suspended indefinitely by Holtz during Fiesta Bowl week. Moore went into the summer hoping to be granted a fifth year of scholarship at Notre Dame by the school's athletic board. Without him, only five scholarship DBs return.

◆ Damian Peter, a prep All-American offensive tackle from Locust, N.J., who fractured a vertebra, participated in conditioning drills. He won't play football sooner than 1996, if ever.

◆ Defensive end Melvin Dansby, a junior from Birmingham, Ala., will miss the season due to a neck injury suffered during a spring scrimmage.

— David Haugh



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Sure, another similar season will make the Irish a fun team to watch offensively, but more importantly big numbers from Mayes would provide an untested secondary and an inexperienced pass rush a comfortable learning cushion.

"We'll get 11 out there that will probably be a little quicker and a little more athletic in the long run than last year," defensive coordinator Bob Davie said. "But after that..."

His voice stops. After athletic ability — and Holtz, among others, even questions that occasionally — the Notre Dame defense has little upon which to base any optimism. But, as Davie and Irish defenders counter, most defenses would be better off against the USCs and Ohio States of the world if they were long on talent and short on experience rather than the other way around.

So the Irish will take their chances with a secondary that intercepted only seven passes last season and also will be without All-American cornerback Bobby Taylor, who left a year early for the NFL. Not that Davie will particularly miss him.

"In terms of performances last year, we have our two best secondary players back," said Davie, remaining diplomatic. "That's not judging on potential or press clippings."

Less has been written and spoken about safety Brian Magee, the team's leading tackler with 81 last season. Magee returns at one safety spot and cornerback Shawn Wooden joins him after quietly starting every game in '94.

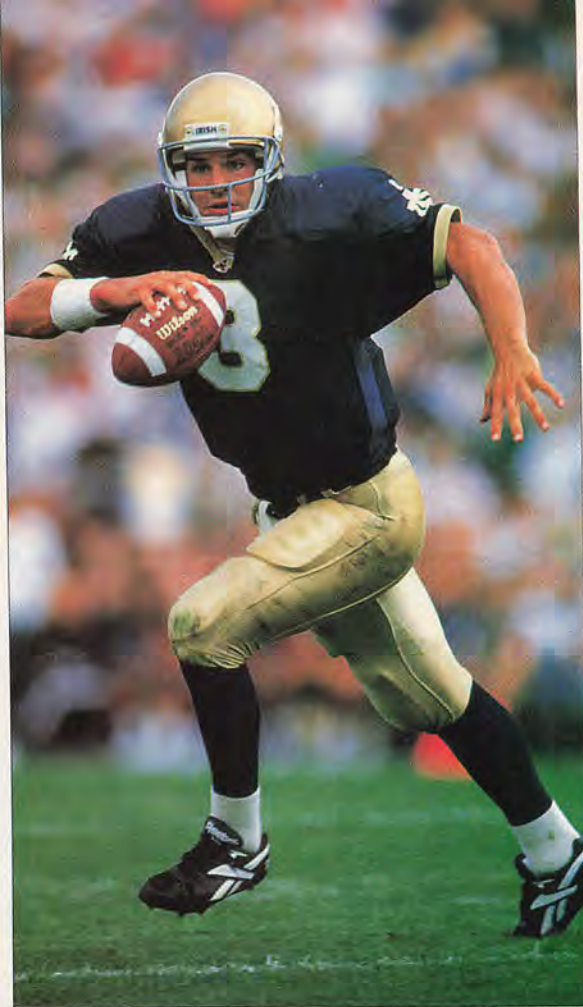
"I've said it many times," Holtz says, "you can't be a good football team if you aren't outstanding in the secondary."

The two other starting defensive backs likely will be senior safety LaRon Moore and sophomore cornerback Ivory Covington, who got his spikes wet with a Fiesta Bowl start against Colorado's Michael Westbrook because Taylor was suspended.

Sophomore corner Allen Rossum, an All-American sprinter in track, classmate Jarvis Edison and Strayhorn may figure into the mix, too.

"Everybody needs to work on their ball skills," Davie said. "We're going to be trying a lot of different things."

Some of them will be on the defensive front in an attempt to generate a pass



LAST SEASON RON POWLLUS PRODUCED A SCHOOL RECORD IN TD PASSES (22) AND HAD MORE THAN 2,000 PASSING YARDS.

PHOTO BY JOHN WILLIAMSON

rush. Enough speed and size exists for the Irish to act out the attacking, high-risk, high-reward philosophy that Davie employed so successfully at Texas A&M.

Bert Berry, the leader with six sacks in '94, will start at one outside linebacker spot. He, Renaldo Wynn and Melvin Dansby give Notre Dame an undersized combination that might give pass blockers some trouble.

"Guys are ready to play and get out on the field," said Wynn, who will be a defensive tackle this season after a year each at defensive end and linebacker. "It's in the air already. You set an example for the younger players and it's contagious. You learn from experience. We know what can happen to this team from last year."

And nobody in the Notre Dame locker room wants to relive that. The subject of 1994 seldom comes up over a glass of Gatorade. It is as taboo as asking your neighbor his annual salary; yet as present as the temptation.

"It's easy to look back and say, 'We should have done this; we should have

done that,' " Holtz said. "That's just one of the things I fight. I don't look back to second-guess, I look back to learn."

"(But) that's over. I don't need to say anything to the players about it. Everybody else has."

The schedule lends itself to a quick resurgence, if the Irish really are a revitalized bunch.

There's no Michigan in early September to provide a quick checkpoint along the way, and no Florida State, Miami, Penn State or Tennessee scheduled on which the nation can concentrate.

Northwestern, Purdue and Vanderbilt — teams that have not enjoyed a winning record in more than a decade — make for an excellent momentum-building early season, with the heavy-weight triumvirate of Texas, Ohio State and Washington offering a truer indication of how good this team might become.

But even at that, the Longhorns have been struggling in recent years, the Buckeyes lost some of their best players to the NFL early, and Washington is coming off back-to-back 7-4 seasons on probation. Army is a nice, traditional walkover, but an improved Southern Cal club and always-troublesome Boston

College provide a solid double-dip at Notre Dame Stadium in late October.

Navy and Air Force fill out the schedule. That game with USC — which has not beaten Notre Dame since 1982 — could be the one monster tilt of the season, if the Trojans and Irish do their part in the first seven weeks.

So the Irish ready themselves to restore the program's rich tradition this season with a lot of quiet confidence in their hearts and a little less layering around some of their waists.

And, of course, a chip large enough to make their shoulder pads more snug than usual.

"Everybody wants to get better," Wynn said, "There is more unity on this team than before. It's a totally different outlook than it was."

That's a common sentiment in the spring, summer, preseason, and into a 4-1 start. Wynn and his teammates look forward to extending their buddy system into the guts (no pun intended) of October and November — and beyond.

—David Haugh

BIG TEN LEAGUE LEADERS

RUSHING

NAME	SCHOOL	No	YARDS	AVG	TD	Yds/G
Carter	Penn State	198	1539	7.8	23	139.9
Smith*	Indiana	265	1475	5.6	10	134.1
Darkins*	Minnesota	277	1443	5.2	11	131.2
Lundy	Northwestern	260	1189	4.6	8	118.9
Wheatley	Michigan	194	1064	5.5	11	118.2
George*	Ohio State	261	1353	5.2	12	112.8
Fletcher	Wisconsin	205	1235	6.0	10	112.3
Alstott*	Purdue	202	1188	5.9	14	108.0
Shaw*	Iowa	170	1002	5.9	7	91.1
Coulbourne*	Michigan State	214	930	4.3	8	84.6

SCORING

NAME	SCHOOL	TD	PAT	FG	Pts	Pts/G
Carter	Penn State	23	0	0	138	12.55
Wheatley	Michigan	13	0	0	78	8.67
Hamilton*	Michigan	0	23	24	95	8.64
Conway*	Penn State	0	62	10	92	8.36
Alstott*	Purdue	14	0	0	86	7.82
Chalberg*	Minnesota	0	25	17	76	7.60
Darkins*	Minnesota	13	0	0	78	7.09
Rogers	Purdue	11	0	0	66	6.60
Gardner*	Michigan State	0	30	14	72	6.55
Jackson*	Ohio State	0	29	13	68	6.18

INTERCEPTIONS

NAME	SCHOOL	No	YARDS	TD	INT/G
Martin*	Michigan State	7	41	0	0.64
Messenger	Wisconsin	5	34	0	0.50
Smedley*	Indiana	4	48	1	0.36
Miller*	Penn State	4	25	0	0.36
Crumpton	Illinois	3	-4	0	0.33

FIELD GOALS

NAME	SCHOOL	FG	FGA	Pct	FG/G
Hamilton*	Michigan	24	29	82.8	2.18
Chalberg*	Minnesota	17	23	74.0	1.70
Gardner*	Michigan State	14	21	66.7	1.27
Jackson*	Ohio State	13	16	81.3	1.18
Conway*	Penn State	10	12	83.3	0.91

PASS RECEIVING

NAME	SCHOOL	No	YARDS	AVG	TD	CMP/G
Engram*	Penn State	53	1045	19.7	7	4.8
Rios	Minnesota	52	436	8.4	1	4.7
Toomer*	Michigan	49	1033	21.1	5	4.5
Dulick*	Illinois	49	520	10.6	5	4.5
Scott*	Penn State	46	957	20.8	9	4.2
Thornton	Purdue	45	726	16.1	2	4.1
Baety	Indiana	45	559	12.4	4	4.1
Greene*	Michigan State	42	452	10.8	3	3.8
Osterman	Minnesota	38	604	15.9	5	3.8
Dilger	Illinois	41	547	13.3	5	3.7

TOTAL OFFENSE

NAME	SCHOOL	GAMES	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	Yds/G
Collins	Penn State	11	-19	2679	2660	241.8
Schade	Minnesota	11	18	2338	2356	214.2
Collins	Michigan	11	-40	2356	2316	210.6
Johnson*	Illinois	11	-11	2245	2234	203.1
Banks*	Michigan State	11	60	2040	2100	190.9
Hoying*	Ohio State	12	65	2155	2220	185.0
Carter	Penn State	11	1539	0	1539	139.9
Smith*	Indiana	11	1475	0	1475	134.1
Bevell*	Wisconsin	10	-67	1383	1316	131.6
Darkins*	Minnesota	11	1443	0	1443	131.2

KICKOFF RETURNS

NAME	SCHOOL	No	YARDS	TD	AVG/G
Mason*	Michigan State	36	966	1	26.8
Galloway	Ohio State	15	401	1	26.7
Smith*	Michigan	18	468	1	26.0
Early*	Minnesota	16	377	0	23.6
Banks*	Iowa	28	638	0	22.8

PUNT RETURNS

NAME	SCHOOL	No	YARDS	TD	AVG/G
Dwight*	Iowa	13	161	0	12.4
Engram*	Penn State	14	147	0	10.5
Allen*	Purdue	17	173	0	10.2
Galloway	Ohio State	15	150	0	10.0
Heath*	Minnesota	22	208	0	9.4

PASSING

NAME	SCHOOL	GAMES	ATT	COMP	Pct	YARDS	Yds/Att	TD	INT	POINTS
Collins	Penn State	11	264	176	66.7	2679	10.15	21	7	172.86
Collins	Michigan	11	264	172	65.2	2356	8.92	11	7	148.56
Banks*	Michigan State	11	238	145	60.9	2040	8.57	11	6	143.13
Hoying*	Ohio State	12	274	159	58.0	2155	7.86	17	13	135.08
Johnson*	Illinois	11	303	180	59.4	2245	7.41	15	6	134.02
Bevell*	Wisconsin	10	211	128	60.7	1383	6.56	16	9	132.21
Schade	Minnesota	11	341	187	54.8	2338	6.86	14	10	120.12
Schnur*	Northwestern	9	117	61	52.1	899	7.68	4	10	110.87
Paci	Indiana	10	176	96	54.5	996	5.66	6	5	107.65

* RETURNING PLAYER





Iowa

HAWKEYES

'Thinking Big' In Iowa City ... Will Wins Follow?

Last fall, there were uniforms. This year, there's a new slogan.

The slogan says, "Think Big!"

Iowa coach Hayden Fry wishes it said, "Win Big!"

The "Think Big!" slogan was the idea of athletic department officials, who hope it brings the Hawkeyes more luck than was produced by the uniforms in 1994.

Iowa had just a 5-5-1 record, lost five consecutive games, suffered through problems on defense and faced an unsettled situation at quarterback because of injuries.

But the beauty of collegiate athletics is that every season brings new excitement for a team.

Certainly at Iowa. Certainly on offense. Maybe on defense.

"I think we're going to have an exciting team," Fry said. "We've really got to come on defensively and we've got to maintain what we had going for us offensively last season."

Fry is making no apologies for what happened in 1994.

"I don't want to sound like I'm bragging," he said. "You'd have to be in coaching to understand this: Based on what we had last year — without having a healthy quarterback — I really thought we did one of the finest jobs of coaching we've ever done by not being defeated in our last four games."

Fry said it was "disheartening to the whole team" when the coaches and players had to wait until the day of a game to get a doctor's approval for a quarterback to play.

"It was a tremendously difficult season for us," Fry said.

Now the 66-year-old Fry is eager for his 17th season at Iowa.

His record with the Hawkeyes is 116-69-6, and 11 of his teams have gone to bowl games.

He also has job security. Fry is under

contract through June, 1998, which would take him beyond his 70th birthday, but who's counting?

"We extended Hayden's contract in recognition of his many outstanding achievements throughout his career at Iowa," athletic director Bob Bowsby said. "We are also sending a strong message that Hayden Fry will be the Hawkeye football coach for many more years."

The Hawkeyes' chances of going 3-0 this fall before opening their Big Ten schedule Oct. 7 at Michigan State would appear to be bright.

Their non-conference schedule starts Sept. 9 against NCAA Division I-AA opponent Northern Iowa, then they play Iowa State and New Mexico State.

Iowa and Northern Iowa haven't played since 1914, and the Hawkeyes have beaten Iowa State 12 straight times.

Fry said the first four games require a different preparation.

"Northern Iowa and New Mexico State are new on our schedule, and Iowa

State and Michigan State have new coaches," he said. "But compared to last year's schedule, and considering our experience at quarterback, the schedule is more favorable."

Iowa doesn't play Michigan or Purdue in the Big Ten, but Ohio State and Wisconsin are back on the schedule — both on the road. No bargains there.

With the potential fast start, the Hawkeyes have the makings of something big on offense.

Matt Sherman has been installed as the No. 1 quarterback, Sedrick Shaw and his extraordinary skills return at tailback and Tim Dwight is being billed as excitement ready to happen at flanker.

Then there's the defense with the new look. After the 1994 season, defense was the one thing that obviously needed fixing.

Iowa ranked ninth in the Big Ten in rushing defense with a 219.6-yard average allowance. The Hawkeyes averaged 27.9 points a game, their opponents 29.5.

"We've done a lot of shuffling on defense," Fry said. "Because we don't have a lot of linemen and linebackers, we've changed our alignment."

"The alignment will be similar to when we had our great years on defense. We won't be requiring four down linemen, just three. We won't require four linebackers, just two."

One of the changes sends Bill Ennis-Inge, who was a defensive tackle last season, to end.

Another involves Damien Robinson, who moves from cornerback to free safety.

Among the linebackers are Bobby Diaco, who led the team in tackles last season with 116, and talented redshirt freshman Vernon Rollins.

"I'm not going to poor-boy you," Diaco said. "Our defense is going to be improved this season, and people are going to have to deal with it."

The 228-pound Diaco, a senior, is the No. 3 returning tackler in the Big Ten. His 1994 totals included five tackles for 17 yards in losses and one quarterback sack.

IOWA AT A GLANCE

1994: 5-5-1 overall, 3-4-1/7th
THE '90s: 34-23-2, 0-2-1 bowls
LAST LEAGUE TITLE: 1990

COACH: Hayden Fry

At Iowa: 116-69-6, 16 years

Overall: 205-158-10, 33 years

PLAYERS TO WATCH: LB Bobby

Diaco, WR Tim Dwight, RB Sedrick Shaw, QB Matt Sherman, TE Steve Slutsker, C Casey Wiegmann.

OVERVIEW: The Hawkeyes have been a fine last-month team the last couple of years (7-0-1), but have had to rally from five-game losing streaks just to get back to .500 each time. A solid start could make a big difference for them.

THE HAWKEYES' NO. 2 TAILBACK IS TAVIAN BANKS, A SOPHOMORE WHOSE NICKNAME IS MAGIC.

PHOTO BY TODD ROSENBERG

HAWKEYES RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Jay BICKFORD DL	6-4, 250	Hyde Park, NY	F.D. Roosevelt
All-Conference ♦ All-County ♦ Two-year team captain ♦ As a senior, had 78 tackles, 11.5 sacks and two fumble recoveries ♦ Career totals of 196 tackles and 19 sacks ♦ Member of track team ♦ National Honor Society.			
Matt BOWEN QB	6-2, 190	Glen Ellyn, IL	Glenbard West
All-State ♦ All-Conference ♦ Team captain and Most Valuable Player ♦ During two-year career, passed for 1,533 yards and 17 touchdowns and ran for 1,329 yards and 17 scores ♦ Lettered in basketball and baseball.			
Corey BROWN DL	6-2, 265	Houston, TX	Willowridge
SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 89 player in Texas ♦ Rated No. 8 defensive lineman in Southwest Region by BlueChip Illustrated ♦ Dallas Morning News Top 100 ♦ As a senior, had 114 tackles and seven sacks ♦ Had 206 career tackles with 25 sacks and 34 pressures ♦ Lettered in baseball, track and powerlifting.			
Raj CLARK LB	6-2, 225	Baytown, TX	Sterling
Dallas Morning News Top 100 ♦ BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 8 linebacker in Southwest Region ♦ Rated No. 27 player in Texas by SuperPrep... Career totals of 265 tackles, two interceptions and three blocked kicks ♦ Member of basketball and track teams ♦ Injured much of senior year.			
Tony COLLINS WR	6-0, 175	Davenport	Assumption
Missed much of senior season due to injury ♦ Des Moines Register Elite Team as a junior ♦ Had 54 career catches for 1,352 yards and 19 touchdowns ♦ Averaged 25 yards per catch in high school.			
Chad DEAL OL	6-5, 270	Council Bluffs	Lewis Central
SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 20 player in Midlands ♦ BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 14 offensive lineman in Midwest ♦ USA Today All-American ♦ All-State ♦ As defensive lineman, had 109 career tackles, including 13 tackles for loss, and two recovered fumbles ♦ Member of wrestling and track teams.			
Zeron FLEMISTER TE	6-5, 215	Sioux City	West
Second team All-State ♦ Team captain and Most Valuable Player ♦ As a senior, had 381 receiving yards and 1,036 rushing yards, averaging 9.9 yards per carry ♦ Career totals of 55 catches for 786 yards and five touchdowns, and over 2,100 yards rushing and 30 touchdowns ♦ Lettered in basketball and track.			
Tarig HOLMAN DB	6-0, 180	Randolph, NJ	Randolph
All-State ♦ As a senior, intercepted six passes, returning one for a score ♦ Had 23 catches and eight touchdowns receiving ♦ Helped team to state title game three straight years, winning the title in 1992.			
Cory HUTCHINGS DB	6-3, 190	Longview, TX	Longview
SuperPrep All-American, rated No. 5 player in Texas ♦ Dallas Morning News Top 100 ♦ As a senior, had 92 tackles, two interceptions, two caused fumbles and two recovered ♦ Gained 879 yards rushing with 11 touchdowns, and had 800 receiving yards for three scores ♦ Member of track team.			
Doug MILLER RB	6-0, 185	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant
SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 5 player in Midlands ♦ BlueChip Illustrated All-American, rated No. 3 running back in Midwest Region ♦ Two-time All-State ♦ Team captain ♦ Career totals of 3,875 rushing yards for 61 touchdowns ♦ As a senior, ran for 1,462 yards and 22 scores ♦ State champion in 100-meter and 200-meter dashes ♦ Runs 4.4 in 40-yard dash ♦ Honor roll student.			
Paul MOTEN DE	6-4, 220	DeSoto, TX	DeSoto
SuperPrep All-American ♦ Dallas Morning News Top 100 ♦ As a senior, had 68 tackles, including three sacks and eight tackles for loss ♦ Lettered in baseball, basketball, soccer and track.			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Tarig PETERSON LB	6-3, 220	Copperas Cove, TX	Copperas Cove
Killeen Daily Herald Defensive Player-of-the-Year ♦ Two-time All-District ♦ Team captain ♦ As a senior, had 102 tackles and two interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown.			
Brandon PHEARSE LB	6-3, 225	Dallas, TX	Bishop Lynch
BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 10 linebacker in Southwest Region ♦ Ranked No. 93 player in Texas by SuperPrep... Dallas Morning News Top 100 ♦ All-State ♦ As a senior, had 80 tackles, five sacks and three interceptions ♦ Had 151 career tackles ♦ Lettered in powerlifting.			
Shalar PRYOR OL	6-4, 280	Stephenville, TX	Stephenville
Dallas Morning News Top 100 ♦ SuperPrep rated No. 64 player in Texas ♦ BlueChip Illustrated All-Southwest Region ♦ All-State ♦ Helped team to two state titles ♦ Lettered in powerlifting and track ♦ Three-time Academic All-District.			
Randy REINERS QB	6-4, 200	Ft. Dodge	Ft. Dodge
Gatorade Player-of-the-Year for Iowa ♦ Des Moines Register Elite Team ♦ BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 5 quarterback in Midwest Region ♦ As a senior, completed 107 of 184 passes for 2,235 yards and 16 touchdowns ♦ Ran for 666 yards and 21 scores ♦ Had 4,385 career passing yards and was responsible for 67 touchdowns ♦ All-State in baseball ♦ Lettered in track and basketball.			
Alexis RODOPOULOS WR	6-3, 200	Blue Springs, MO	Blue Springs
SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 26 player in Midlands ♦ USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ Two-time All-State ♦ As a senior, caught 70 passes for 800 yards and 12 touchdowns ♦ Averaged 17 yards per punt return ♦ Had 120 career catches for 1,550 yards and 20 scores ♦ All-District on defense as a junior.			
Ed SAIDAT DE	6-7, 230	Chicago, IL	Marist
BlueChip Illustrated ranked No. 7 defensive lineman in Midwest ♦ SuperPrep rated No. 72 player in Midwest ♦ All-State ♦ Three-time team captain ♦ As a senior, had 58 tackles and nine sacks ♦ Lettered in track and basketball.			
Joe SLATTERY WR/DB	6-0, 170	Pocahontas	Pocahontas
USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ Two-time All-Conference ♦ As a senior, rushed for 1,368 yards and 19 touchdowns and caught 54 passes for 490 yards and eight scores ♦ Kick returner ♦ Member of track, baseball and basketball teams ♦ National Honor Society.			
Rob THEIN RB	6-0, 210	Iowa City	City
Two-time All-State ♦ Team captain and Most Valuable Player ♦ As a senior, rushed for 2,244 yards and 31 touchdowns ♦ Had 25 tackles, including four for loss and two sacks ♦ Set school single game record with 313 rushing yards ♦ Helped team to consecutive state titles ♦ Member of track team ♦ National Honor Society.			
Joel WALSWORTH OL	6-6, 270	Dowagiac, MI	Dowagiac
Detroit Free Press Top 20 ♦ All-Southwest Michigan ♦ Two-time All-Conference ♦ Team captain ♦ Lettered in basketball and track ♦ Honor roll student.			
Evan WARDELL LB	6-4, 210	Alief, TX	Hastings
All-District ♦ As a senior, had 21 solo tackles, 71 assists and four sacks ♦ Member of track team.			
Austin WHEATLEY TE/P	6-5, 218	Rock Island, IL	Rock Island
Champaign News-Gazette Top 100 list ♦ All-State ♦ All-Conference tight end and punter ♦ BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 1 kicker in Midwest Region ♦ As a senior, averaged 43 yards per punt ♦ Caught nine passes for 271 yards and three touchdowns ♦ Had school record 68-yard punt.			

'94 RESULTS

(5-5-1, 3-4-1)

52	Central Michigan	21
37	Iowa State	9
21	Penn State	61
18	Oregon	40
14	Michigan	29
20	Indiana	27
7	Illinois	47
19	Michigan State	14
21	Purdue	21
49	Northwestern	13
49	Minnesota	42

'94 STATS

PASSING						
NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
Driscoll	154	78	1018	50.7	3	8
Sherman	59	42	736	71.2	6	2
RUSHING						
NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD	
Shaw	170	1002	5.9	80	7	
Kahl	114	624	5.5	40	9	
Terry	61	350	5.7	71	2	
Banks	35	257	7.3	38	5	
RECEIVING						
NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD	
Jasper	33	621	18.8	41	2	
Slutzker	27	379	14.0	45	2	
Dean	21	271	12.9	43	0	
DEFENSIVE LEADERS						
TACKLES: Diaco 116; Wildeman 100; Porter 69; Webb 66; Robinson 58; Bennett 55; Boone 55; Jackson 54.						
INTERCEPTIONS: Porter 3.						
QB SACKS: Wildeman 10; Webb 4; Ennis-Inge 2; Diaco 1; LaFleur 1; Fuhala 1; McKinney 1.						
TACKLES FOR LOSS: Wildeman 17; Webb 11; Fuhala 6; Diaco 4; Ennis-Inge 4; Henlon 4; Jackson 3; LaFleur 3.						

'95 SCHEDULE

Sept. 9	NORTHERN IOWA
Sept. 16	at Iowa State
Sept. 30	NEW MEXICO STATE
Oct. 7	at Michigan State
Oct. 14	INDIANA
Oct. 21	PENN STATE
Oct. 28	at Ohio State
Nov. 4	ILLINOIS
Nov. 11	at Northwestern
Nov. 18	at Wisconsin
Nov. 25	MINNESOTA

"I was in on a lot of plays last year, but I'd like to be more physical this season," said Diaco, who played with a bad shoulder most of the time. "I want to be a devastating tackler."

Diaco says Iowa's 1994 defense sometimes was "a little timid, a little tentative ... that was because of our youth."

This fall, Diaco's goal is to have Iowa's defense "play like 11 people with reckless abandon. We want to take no prisoners."

Diaco, who is from Cedar Grove, N.J., had 15 tackles against Michigan and Iowa State and 13 against Illinois.

Diaco is anxious for Iowa to return to a bowl. He talks as though the season will be a failure if the Hawkeyes don't go somewhere for the holidays.

"We didn't go to a bowl last season, and people in the state don't deserve that," Diaco said.

Playing behind Diaco is Marcus "Tex" Montgomery, a senior who missed the 1994 season because of eligibility problems.

"He could really be something special," Fry said.

Fry can't wait to see Rollins, a 225-pounder from Hackensack, N.J., in a game.

"We saw enough of him on the scout team last season to know he's as gifted as any linebacker we've ever brought in here," Fry said.

"Rollins reminds me a lot of (former Iowa standouts) Melvin Foster and Larry Station rolled into one. He's a big-play maker. He's a hit man ... with a knack for going to the football."

There's even more to why Fry is anxious to see how Rollins performs.

"All my life I've wanted to coach somebody from Hackensack," he explained. "I like that name."

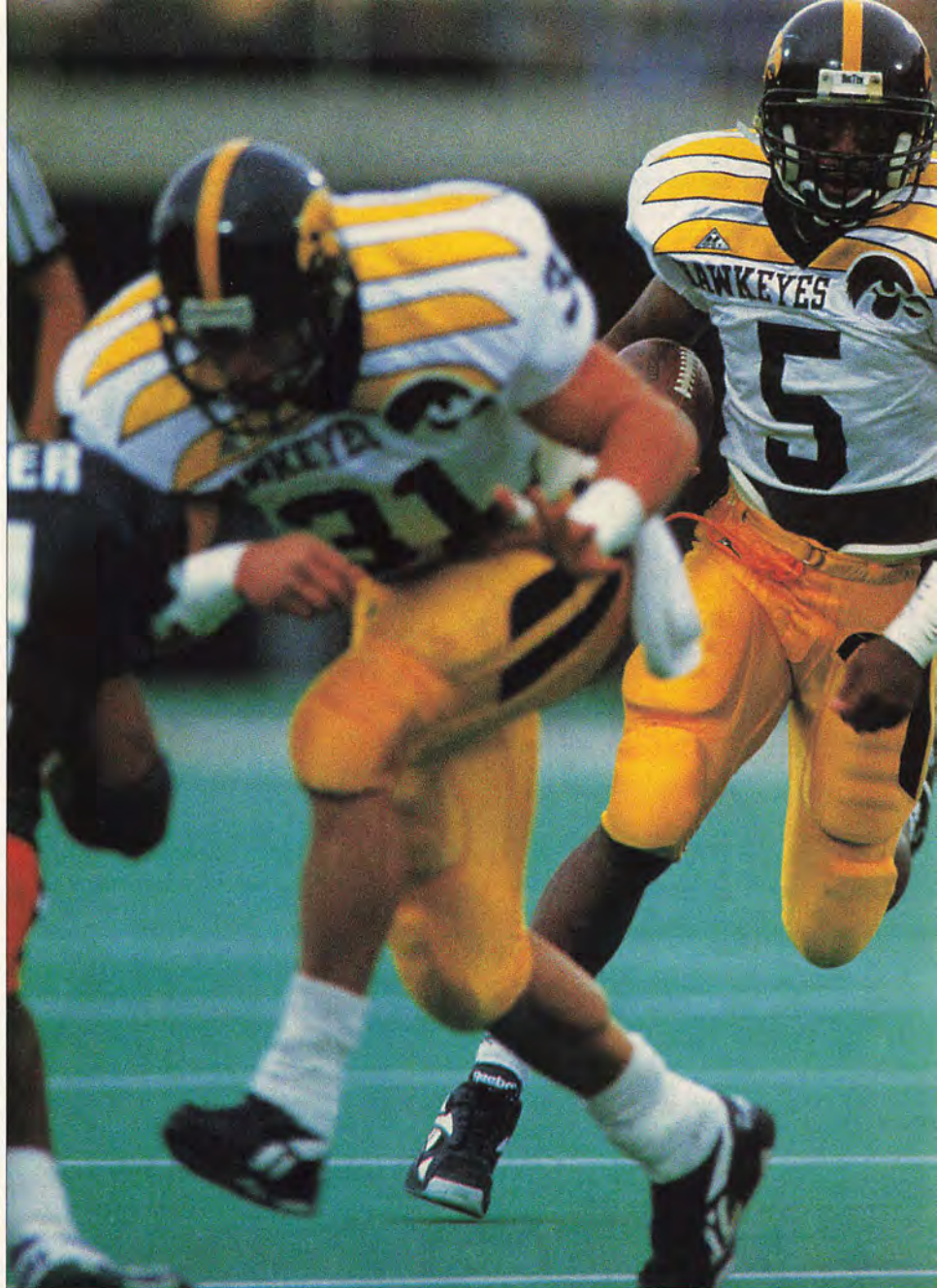
Iowa withheld Rollins from competition for the first month of the 1994 season because of academic concerns. He was ultimately cleared to play, but chose to redshirt with a knee injury.

The nose guard is 280-pound Lloyd Bickham, who missed seven games last season. "He broke an ankle, and we really welcome him back this year," Fry said. "Behind him is Steve English, who will play at 270 pounds. He's all man. When he plays, he gives you that extra heartbeat."

Chris Webb, a 273-pound senior who made 66 tackles last season, is back at defensive tackle.

"He had a great year when he was healthy," Fry said. "Webb is a fine player."

Fry raves about freshman tackle Jared DeVries. "We asked him to put on weight, and he really has," Fry said. "He'll play at



SEDRIK SHAW, A 200-POUND JUNIOR FROM AUSTIN, TEXAS, RAN FOR 1,002 YARDS — ONLY THE SECOND SOPHOMORE IN SCHOOL HISTORY TO SURPASS 1,000.

PHOTO BY TODD ROSENBERG

265 or 270 pounds and will make himself known this season. He's never been in a varsity game, but he's one of the toughest, meanest players out there."

At defensive end are Ennis-Inge and George Bennett.

With seven lettermen — five of whom started three or more games last season — the secondary is solid.

The cornerbacks are Billy Coats and Tom Knight, the strong safety is Chris Jackson and the free safety is Robinson.

If Plez Atkins starts in place of Knight, the defensive backs are all Texans.

Coats is from Grand Prairie, Jackson

from Houston, Robinson from Dallas and Atkins from Bartlett. Knight is a junior from Marlton, N.J.

Robinson, Knight, Kerry Cooks, Atkins and Coats each had an interception last season. Cooks returned a fumble for a touchdown. Robinson had a hand in 58 tackles and broke up six passes. Jackson had 54 tackles.

Eric Thigpen, a redshirt freshman, is the backup to Coats.

"We're anxious to see just how good Thigpen is," Fry said. "This is by far the largest secondary we've ever had, and we haven't lost any speed."

HAWKEYES SPRING ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
23	Plez Atkins	DB	So.	6-1	170	Bartlett, TX	44	Josh McGillip	FB	So.	6-0	195	St. Campbell, KY
22	Tavian Banks	RB	So.	5-11	175	Bettendorf	68	Jeremy McKinney	OL	So.	6-6	285	Brighton, CO
65	Mike Bartolini	OL	Fr.	6-3	260	Frankfort, IL	53	Chip McPheeters	OL	So.	6-3	280	Naperville, IL
49	George Bennett	DL	Sr.	6-1	235	Miami, FL	92	Mark Mitchell	LB	Jr.	6-2	215	Iowa City
66	Lloyd Bickham	DL	Sr.	6-3	280	Chicago, IL	87	Jon Moffitt	WR	Fr.	5-11	175	Des Moines
35	Trevor Bollers	RB	So.	6-2	218	Edmonton, Alberta	41	Marcus Montgomery	LB	Sr.	6-2	234	Walnut, CA
85	Michael Burger	TE	Fr.	6-3	229	Harlan	38	J. Paul Mosier	LB	So.	6-2	200	Leawood, KS
4	Richard Carter	SE	So.	6-0	175	Passaic, NJ	75	Terry Mueller	OL	Fr.	6-5	290	Belle Mead, NJ
47	Brett Chambers	DL	Jr.	6-3	185	Council Bluffs	29	Mick Mulherin	DB	Sr.	6-2	185	Marion
11	Jeff Clark	RB	Fr.	5-11	175	Lisbon	10	Demo Odems, III	SE	Jr.	5-10	175	Austin, TX
30	Billy Coats	DB	Jr.	5-11	175	Grand Prairie, TX	99	Jon Ortlieb	DL	Jr.	6-3	250	Boca Raton, FL
15	Kerry Cooks	DB	So.	6-0	175	Irving, TX	89	Derek Price	TE	Sr.	6-3	238	Tempe, AZ
39	Mike Darlington	LB	Fr.	6-5	230	Morris, IL	69	Matt Purdy	OL	Sr.	6-3	285	Cedar Falls
78	Ian Davis	OL	Jr.	6-7	285	Pekin, IL	63	Bill Reardon	OL	Jr.	6-3	265	Chicago, IL
40	Jared DeVries	DL	Fr.	6-4	250	Aplington	74	Matt Redman	OL	Fr.	6-7	290	Palos Verdes, CA
95	Bobby Diaco	LB	Sr.	6-2	228	Cedar Grove, NJ	76	Matt Reischl	OL	Fr.	6-5	285	Greendale, WI
7	Ryan Driscoll	QB	Jr.	6-4	200	Cedar Rapids	3	Damien Robinson	DB	Jr.	6-2	200	Dallas, TX
6	Tim Dwight	FLK	So.	5-9	170	Iowa City	56	Vernon Rollins	LB	Fr.	6-3	225	Hackensack, NJ
15	Mark Ede	WR	Jr.	6-1	200	Glendale Heights, IL	17	Todd Romano	K	Sr.	6-2	195	West Palm Beach, FL
52	Steve English	DL	Fr.	6-2	270	Mt. Pleasant	64	Derek Rose	OL	Fr.	6-4	265	Naperville, IL
9	Bill Ennis-Inge	DL	Jr.	6-5	245	Kirkwood, MO	61	Ted Serama	OL	Jr.	6-4	295	Sauk Village, IL
34	Rodney Filer	FB	Jr.	6-2	235	Waco, TX	26	Damani Shaloor	RB	Sr.	5-9	182	Columet City, IL
46	Nick Gallery	P	Jr.	6-4	236	Masonville	5	Sedrick Shaw	RB	Jr.	6-1	195	Austin, TX
18	Damon Gibson	DB	So.	5-9	170	Houston, TX	7	Zach Shay	DB	Fr.	6-0	185	Galesburg, IL
26	Ed Gibson	DB	So.	5-10	170	Davenport	12	Matt Sherman	QB	So.	6-3	181	St. Ansgar
79	Mike Goff	OL	So.	6-6	290	Peru, IL	84	Scott Slutzker	TE	Sr.	6-5	239	Hasbrouck Heights, NJ
36	Aaron Granquist	FB	Sr.	6-4	230	Osage	97	Reynaldo Spalding	DE	Jr.	6-3	223	Los Angeles, CA
1	Willie Guy	FLK	Sr.	6-0	190	Memphis, TN	43	Tony Stratikopoulos	LB	Fr.	6-1	225	Montreal, Quebec
16	Kory Hauser	QB	Fr.	6-5	190	New Berlin, WI	21	Eric Thigpen	DB	Fr.	6-1	175	Dalton, IL
48	Eric Hilgenberg	DL	Sr.	6-1	212	Prior Lake, MN	14	Trent Tiesen	DB	Fr.	5-11	165	Council Bluffs
28	Jason House	DB	So.	6-3	185	Iowa City	73	Ross Verba	OL	Jr.	6-4	285	West Des Moines
37	Matt Hughes	LB	Fr.	6-3	235	Eastland, TX	19	Jason Wahls	DB	Fr.	5-9	180	St. Olaf
20	Brian Hurley	K/P	Jr.	6-2	195	Iowa City	98	Chris Webb	DL	Sr.	6-4	273	Sigourney
27	Chris Jackson	DB	Sr.	6-2	185	Houston, TX	88	Jeff Westhoff	LB	Sr.	6-3	242	New Vienna
58	Jared Kerkhoff	DL	Fr.	6-6	258	Manning	70	Casey Wiegmann	OL	Sr.	6-2	285	Parkersburg
90	Aron Klein	DL	Fr.	6-4	272	Appleton, WI	60	John Wilder	OL	Fr.	6-2	235	Sioux City
8	Tom Knight	DB	Jr.	5-11	180	Marlton, NJ	33	Reggie Williams	RB	Sr.	6-2	225	Fresno, CA
81	Chris Knipper	TE	Fr.	6-5	241	Dyersville	25	Richard Willcock	WR	So.	6-2	175	Chicago, IL
57	Aaron Kooiker	OL	Sr.	6-5	280	Sioux Center	36	Scott Yoder	LB	So.	6-2	220	Grundy Center
55	Jon LaFleur	DL	So.	6-3	275	Jefferson, SD	93	Chris Zdzienicki	DL	Fr.	6-2	280	Willowdale, Ontario
33	J.P. Lange	DB	Fr.	6-1	180	Harland, WI							

Roster and depth chart subject to change.

OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
12	Matt Sherman*	Sophomore
7	Ryan Driscoll	Junior
NUMBER	FULLBACK	YEAR
34	Rodney Filer	Junior
36	Aaron Granquist	Senior
NUMBER	RUNNING BACK	YEAR
5	Sedrick Shaw*	Junior
22	Tavian Banks	Sophomore
NUMBER	FLANKER	YEAR
1	Willie Guy	Senior
6	Tim Dwight*	Sophomore
NUMBER	SPLIT END	YEAR
10	Demo Odems III	Junior
4	Richard Carter	Sophomore
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
84	Scott Slutzker	Senior
89	Derek Price	Senior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
73	Ross Verba*	Junior
68	Jeremy McKinney	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
69	Matt Purdy*	Senior
76	Matt Reischl	Freshman
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
70	Casey Wiegmann*	Senior
63	Bill Reardon	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
78	Ian Davis	Junior
79	Mike Goff	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
57	Aaron Kooiker	Senior
74	Matt Redman	Freshman

*Returning Starter

— DEFENSE —

NUMBER	LEFT END	YEAR
48	Eric Hilgenberg	Senior
49	George Bennett	Senior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
55	Jon LaFleur*	Sophomore
99	Jon Ortlieb	Junior
NUMBER	NOSE TACKLE	YEAR
66	Lloyd Bickham	Senior
90	Aron Klein	Freshman
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
94	Jared DeVries	Freshman
98	Chris Webb*	Senior
NUMBER	RIGHT END	YEAR
9	Bill Ennis-Inge*	Junior
47	Brett Chambers	Junior
NUMBER	LINEBACKER	YEAR
45	Bobby Diaco*	Senior
41	Marcus Montgomery	Senior
NUMBER	LINEBACKER	YEAR
56	Vernon Rollins	Freshman
92	Mark Mitchell	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT CORNERBACK	YEAR
30	Billy Coats	Junior
8	Tom Knight*	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT CORNERBACK	YEAR
23	Plez Atkins	Sophomore
26	Ed Gibson	Sophomore
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
27	Chris Jackson	Senior
29	Mick Mulherin	Senior
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
3	Damien Robinson*	Junior
15	Kerry Cooks	Sophomore

SPRING UPDATE

After Iowa's spring game, coach Hayden Fry said he wasn't the Matt Sherman Chamber of Commerce.

"I'll let his statistics speak," Fry said of the quarterback who completed 15 of 18 passes for 272 yards and four touchdowns — all in the first half.

Sherman's abilities helped the regulars crush the reserves 66-23 before a crowd of 31,329.

"He was poised, he threw the ball well and he had a firm grasp of the offense," Fry said. "He did all we asked him to do."

◆ Fund-raising for Iowa's new football development facility is complete. A \$1 million contribution by Des Moines businessman Richard Jacobson put the project over the top. Jacobson also was a major contributor to a similar building at Iowa State.

◆ The new facility is a 35,000-foot structure adjacent to the indoor football practice

building. It includes locker rooms, weight training and sports medicine areas, classrooms and offices.

◆ Tim Dwight played for both teams in the spring game as a wide receiver, punt returner and kickoff returner. Late in the game, he ran onto the field as a defensive back for the second unit. "You can't keep him off the field," Fry said.

◆ Demo Odems led the first-team receivers in the spring game with 123 yards and two touchdowns, and he had an explanation. "We work together in practice a lot, so Sherman knows where I'm going to be," Odems said. "I talk to him in class, too. I let him know I might be open on a certain play."

◆ Fry said he feels Iowa will have a good defense by midseason. "If we don't, we're in real trouble," he said. "It's going to get down to trying to outscore people."

— Ron Maly

Sherman showed flashes of brilliance as a freshman after relieving Ryan Driscoll at quarterback last season.

Driscoll passed for 1,018 yards in the first six games. But a shoulder injury knocked him out for the rest of the season.

Sherman, who had been sidelined with a broken bone in his foot, came off the bench to rally the Hawkeyes to a 21-21 tie with Purdue, then triggered a 98-point explosion in the last two games. He completed 42 of 59 passes — 71 percent — for 736 yards and six touchdowns. “That’s the best we’ve ever had from a freshman,” Fry said. “He’s very mature, very calm, very intelligent.”

Iowa rolled past Northwestern 49-13 and Minnesota 49-42 in those final two games. Asked if that’s the kind of offense Iowa fans can expect this season, Fry said with a laugh: “If you give us Minnesota’s defense to play against. It depends on the quality of the opposition. A lot of folks won’t cooperate that much. But I’m certainly not bad-mouthing Minnesota.”

Shaw, a 195-pound junior from Austin, Texas, ran for 1,002 yards — only the second sophomore in school history to surpass 1,000. Tony Stewart was the other, in 1988.

“Shaw could become the all-time leading rusher at Iowa if we keep him healthy this year and next,” Fry said. “He’s a great leader and I think his best football is ahead of him.”

As is the case with most talented tailbacks, Shaw credits his offensive linemen. “They made the blocks for me,” he said. Shaw said it was a bit unsettling last season when injuries hampered the quarterbacks. “All of them did a fine job, but the offense was like a baby learning to walk when a new quarterback took over,” he said.

Shaw said he was recruited by many schools in the Southwest Conference, but chose Iowa because it had been a winning program and he wanted to get away from home. The No. 2 tailback is Tavian Banks, a sophomore whose nickname is Magic. “We started calling him that last year because he has a knack of making something good happen,” Fry said. “He’s

improved his blocking, too.”

Larry Holton, who moved from West Virginia’s staff before spring practice to coach Iowa’s running backs, is impressed with what the Hawkeyes have.

“From what I’ve seen, the running backs at Iowa are more talented than what

muscle. He’s exceptional. He’s special.

“We’ll find ways to get him the ball. We’ll let him block, too. He could develop into one of the best blocking wide receivers we’ve ever had.”

Rodney Filer, a junior who has been injured during much of his career, is the fullback. He carried the ball only seven times last season.

Fry said senior Scott Slutzker, who was Iowa’s second-leading receiver last season with 27 catches for 379 yards, “could be one of the premier tight ends in college football.”

Fry added that Derek Price, who plays behind Slutzker, is probably the fastest tight end Iowa has had in his years there. “The surprise is that Nick Gallery wants to play tight end, too,” Fry said.

Gallery is a junior whose only job has been to punt in his first two seasons. He averaged 41.7 yards as a freshman, 40.7 as a sophomore.

“We use three tight ends in some formations,” Fry said. “Gallery is a big, strong kid with tremendous athletic ability.” Gallery will continue to do Iowa’s punting.

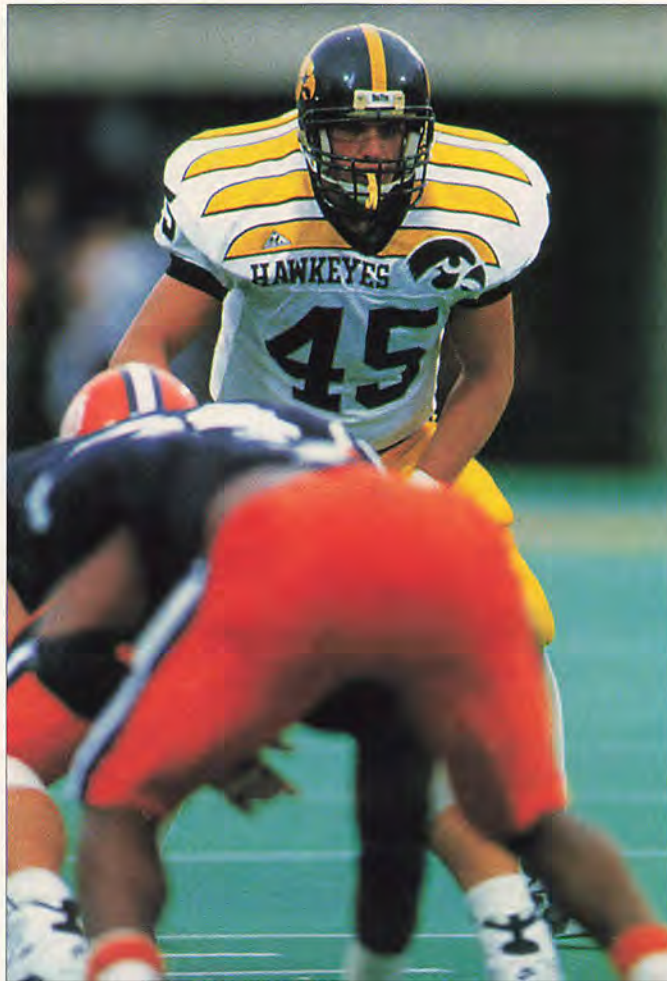
The offensive line, led by center Casey Wiegmann, guard Matt Purdy and tackle Ross Verba, figures to be good.

“Our quarterbacks were sacked only 10 times last year, and we averaged over 5 yards every time we ran the ball,” Fry said. “The offensive line gets credit for the success we had in both areas, and I think it will be a real positive for us again.”

Brion Hurley and Todd Romano will be the placekickers. Fry said he searched the nation to find a replacement for defensive line coach Ted Gill and running backs coach Dave Triplett, who left Iowa’s coaching staff. Gill became defensive coordinator at Oklahoma State, while Triplett became a university fund-raiser.

He plucked Holton off the West Virginia staff and promoted John Austin from his role as recruiting coordinator and assistant offensive line coach. Gene Jones, who had been the on-campus recruiting coordinator, will be the recruiting coordinator and have some coaching responsibilities.

— Ron Maly



BOBBY DIACO LED THE TEAM IN TACKLES LAST SEASON WITH 116.

PHOTO BY TODD ROSENBERG

we had at West Virginia,” Holton said. “I’m excited to be working with them.”

Fry said Iowa could have Shaw, Banks and Dwight, the flanker, in games at the same time. “We may have to get into some unusual formations to do it, but we want that big-play potential,” Fry said.

Dwight played on offense, defense and special teams last season. He also proved to be the ultimate team player by taking water onto the field during a timeout in one of the games when student managers were late in doing it.

“Pound for pound, Dwight might be as good as any player we’ve ever had here,” Fry said. “He’s up to 186 pounds — all

Michigan State SPARTANS

Saban Hopes To Put The Gang-Tackle Back In Green

Nick Saban and Tony Banks have been in Spartan Stadium before. Saban, Michigan State's new head coach, was a defensive wizard eight seasons ago, when "Gang Green" rolled to an unbeaten Big Ten record and a Rose Bowl triumph.

And Banks, the Spartans' senior quarterback, had the best debut of any passer in school history in 1994 — at least, from a statistical standpoint.

But 1987 defensive statistics and 1994 offensive statistics will give way to one common number that the former Cleveland Browns coordinator and the former California junior college star will become responsible for in Spartan Stadium in 1995: We're talking MSU's victory total.

Another frustrating 5-6 finish isn't part of anyone's game plan.

After 12 tumultuous seasons, the last four without a winning record, George Perles was fired with three years left on his contract by school president Peter McPherson.

Enter Saban, whose no-nonsense approach and proven recruiting ability could be just what a sleeping program needs.

And make way for Banks, who thinks — with some justification — he can be as good as any quarterback in the country this fall.

The regular-season schedule starts with Nebraska, ends with Penn State and includes four other schools that just won bowl games. So don't expect the Spartans to post double-figure wins immediately.

But look for a team that's leaner, more alert, more exciting, one that thrives on improving each week and getting stronger on both sides of the football with first-rate leadership ... THAT is Saban's game plan.

Saban's four-year stay with the Browns ended Jan. 8 in Pittsburgh. Roughly three hours later, he was in East Lansing to start another season — an off-season when he was never off.

At age 43, with the job he wanted,

Saban is doing things his way. And that means obstructionists should stay out of his way whenever humanly possible.

The West Virginia native often speaks about "standards of perfection" and avoids coach-phrases like "good enough to win" and "getting where we need to be."

Saban needs to be three places in the foreseeable future:

- In meetings and on the practice field to mold the best team he and his staff can assemble with some pieces missing.

- On the phone and in high schools whenever it's legal to recruit better athletes and tougher players, the key to MSU's run in 1987 and to Cleveland's success last season.

- And in his office in the Duffy Daugherty Football Building with nothing pressing for at least five minutes before fall drills begin.

How's his team doing?

Better and slimmer than some might expect, but not nearly good enough or

fast enough for someone who fidgets as much as Lou Holtz and fires off corrections like Bo Schembechler.

Like both those coaches, Saban understands leadership has more than one level, with veterans the key to a cohesive team.

When Saban and his seniors meet Thursday mornings, he brings the donuts. They bring ideas.

How's his program going?

It's going, one challenge at a time.

After recruiting with handcuffs, establishing an off-season conditioning program, working to improve the academic support system and conducting spring practice, the best question to ask him isn't, "Hey, Nick, any problems with boredom?"

"It takes a lot of time to get things going the way you want them," he said. "I've spent a lot of time on that in the beginning, paying attention to detail. But I'd rather do it the way I want it done, rather than let somebody else do it, be disappointed in it and come back and change it all. We haven't had to do much of that."

The block "S" on the side of MSU's helmets still stands for State, not Saban. But his fingerprint is on every item that hasn't been submitted to Judge Ito.

How's the office looking?

It has progressed from the contemporary-barracks design of his first few weeks to a lived-in look with one plaque on the wall — of Spartan All-Americans.

In Perles' 12 seasons, the walls had pictures of all the right politicians in all the right places. Or so it seemed at the time.

The focal point in that office today is a picture of Nicholas and Kristen Saban's mommy and daddy, framed by a bright ring of buttons.

Who said a driven perfectionist never has time to kid around?

His players aren't taking that chance, picking up the pace with a new opportunity

MICHIGAN STATE AT A GLANCE

1994: 5-6 overall, 4-4/T5th
THE '90s: 27-29-1 overall, 1-1 bowls
LAST LEAGUE TITLE: 1990

COACH: Nick Saban

At MSU: First year

Overall: 9-2, 1 year

PLAYERS TO WATCH: QB Tony Banks, ILB Reggie Garnett, RB Duane Goulbourne, CB Demetric Martin, OLB Ike Reese.

OVERVIEW: It has been five years since the Spartans have enjoyed a winning record, which is largely why Nick Saban replaced George Perles as head coach. The multi-talented Banks could have the stuff to lead MSU back to a bowl.

TONY BANKS, THE SPARTANS' SENIOR QUARTERBACK, HAD THE BEST DEBUT OF ANY PASSER IN SCHOOL HISTORY IN 1994 — AT LEAST, FROM A STATISTICAL STANDPOINT.

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SPARTANS RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Shane ADKINS OL	6-6, 265	Newark, OH	Licking Valley
All-Ohio ♦ All-District ♦ District Lineman-of-the-Year ♦ All-Buckeye Conference.			
Sean BANKS LB	6-2, 205	Youngstown, OH	Cardinal Mooney
SuperPrep rated No. 91 player in Midwest ♦ Northeast Ohio Defensive Player-of-the-Year ♦ BlueChip Illustrated All-Region as fullback ♦ All-Ohio ♦ As a senior, was in on 96 tackles.			
Bill BURKE QB	6-5, 205	Warren, OH	Howland
BlueChip Illustrated All-Region ♦ Chosen Player-of-the-Year for Northeast Ohio and for Metro Atlantic Conference ♦ All-State ♦ As a senior, passed for 2,015 yards and 20 touchdowns.			
Kenny CARRINGTON WR	6-3, 190	Oak Lawn, IL	Richards
USA Today All-American ♦ SuperPrep rated No. 51 player in Midwest ♦ All-State ♦ Chicago Tribune Player-of-the-Year ♦ As a senior, had 1,407 receiving yards and 23 touchdowns ♦ Averaged over 23 yards per catch during prep career.			
Davarrio CARTER DL	6-3, 280	Detroit	Pershing
BlueChip Illustrated All-American, ranked No. 3 defensive lineman in Midwest ♦ Detroit News Blue Chip Team ♦ All-State ♦ Rated No. 6 on Lansing State Journal Catch-22 Team ♦ SuperPrep rated No. 56 player in Midwest.			
Marcus CHAPMAN TE	6-5, 245	Toledo, OH	Rogers
BlueChip Illustrated ranked No. 10 tight end in Midwest ♦ As senior fullback, rushed for over 700 yards, with single game high of 142 yards ♦ As junior tight end, had 23 catches for 398 yards and five touchdowns ♦ All-City.			
Billy GREENE TB	6-1, 190	Canandaigua, NY	Canandaigua Academy
BlueChip Illustrated All-American, rated No. 10 running back in Big East Region ♦ All-State ♦ Greater Rochester Player-of-the-Year ♦ As senior, ran for 1,583 yards and 30 touchdowns ♦ Scored 53 career touchdowns ♦ Single game high of 304 rushing yards.			
Dwayne HAWKINS LB	6-3, 225	Pompano Beach, FL	Ely
BlueChip Illustrated All-Southeast ♦ All-Broward County ♦ As a senior, had 65 tackles and eight sacks ♦ Helped team to 11-2 record and third round of state playoffs ♦ Three-year starter.			
Casey JENSEN OL	6-6, 290	Eagan, MN	Eagan
BlueChip Illustrated All-Region ♦ All-State ♦ All-Metro ♦ Played first three prep years at Detroit Lakes High, helping team to two undefeated state championships.			
Sorie KANU DB	6-0, 190	Alexandria, VA	T. C. Williams
SuperPrep rated No. 8 player in Virginia ♦ All-State ♦ All-North Virginia ♦ All-District ♦ Team's Most Valuable Player ♦ National Honor Society.			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Courtney LEDYARD DE/LB	6-3, 235	Shaker Heights, OH	Shaker Heights
USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ SuperPrep rated No. 81 player in Midwest ♦ Cleveland Plain Dealer Dream Team ♦ All-Ohio ♦ District Player-of-the-Year ♦ League Most Valuable Player.			
Lemar MARSHALL DB	6-3, 200	Cincinnati, OH	St. Xavier
SuperPrep rated No. 106 player in Midwest ♦ All-Southwest Ohio, Defensive Most Valuable Player ♦ All-League ♦ All-Division ♦ Played in North-South All-Star Game.			
Brian McNULTY OT	6-3, 280	Tampa, FL	Jesuit
All-Suncoast ♦ All-County ♦ Four-year letterman ♦ Team captain.			
Raheem MILLER LB/S	6-3, 225	Rochester, NY	East
All-State ♦ As a senior, had 76 tackles ♦ Averaged 18 points and 17 rebounds per game in basketball ♦ National Honor Society ♦ Team captain ♦ Senior class president.			
Robert NEWKIRK DL	6-4, 280	Belle Glade, FL	Glades Central
Palm Beach Post Super 11 Team ♦ All-County ♦ As a senior, had 73 tackles and 10 sacks ♦ Two-year starter ♦ Helped team to 12-1 record and state playoffs.			
Max NIXON OL	6-4, 310	Elyria, OH	Elyria West
BlueChip Illustrated All-Region ♦ SuperPrep rated No. 76 player in Midwest ♦ All-Ohio ♦ Cleveland Plain Dealer Dream Team ♦ Conference Lineman-of-the-Year ♦ Helped team to 10-0 regular season record.			
Desmond THOMAS DL	6-4, 305	Beltsville, MD	High Point
Parade All-American ♦ USA Today second team All-American ♦ BlueChip Illustrated All-American, ranked No. 1 defensive lineman in ACC Region ♦ All-State ♦ Washington Post All-Metro ♦ Conference Player-of-the-Year.			
Jabbar THREATS DL	6-6, 245	Springfield, OH	Garden City CC (KS)
Junior college All-American ♦ SuperPrep ranked No. 16 junior college prospect in the country ♦ All-Conference ♦ In 1994, was in on 83 tackles and had 16 sacks ♦ Southwest Ohio prep Player-of-the-Year ♦ All-State.			
Dimitris UNDERWOOD DL	6-6, 250	Fayetteville, NC	E. E. Smith
All-Region ♦ Honorable mention All-State ♦ As a senior, had 87 tackles and nine sacks ♦ Second in state in wrestling.			
Dan VAUGHN LB	6-4, 220	Stevensville	Lakeshore
Two-time All-Conference ♦ All-Southwest Michigan, Defensive Player-of-the-Year ♦ Helped team to 27-3 regular season mark as three-year starter ♦ Undefeated in wrestling as a senior.			

'94 RESULTS

(5-6-0, 4-4-0)

10	Kansas	17
20	Notre Dame	21
45	Miami (OH)	10
29	Wisconsin	10
20	Michigan	40
7	Ohio State	23
14	Iowa	19
27	Indiana	21
35	Northwestern	17
42	Purdue	30
31	Penn State	59

'94 STATS

PASSING						
NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
Banks	238	145	2040	60.9	11	6
Schultz	2	1	7	50.0	0	0
RUSHING						
NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD	
Goulbourne	214	930	4.3	22	8	
Renaud	96	529	5.5	49	6	
Greene	68	375	5.5	47	2	
Patrick	44	186	4.2	24	1	
RECEIVING						
NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD	
Greene	42	452	10.8	36	3	
Coleman	25	400	16.0	41	1	
Carter	16	430	26.9	93	3	
DEFENSIVE LEADERS						
TACKLES: Reese 92; Manson 78; Garnett 72; Allen 71; Shurelds 66; Christensen 66; Martin 59; Hammonds 57.						
INTERCEPTIONS: Martin 7; Shurelds 2.						
QB SACKS: Reese 3; Jackson 2; Smith 2; Christensen 1; Hammonds 1; Reaves 1.						
TACKLES FOR LOSS: Hammonds 10; Reese 9; Christensen 9; Jackson 5; Garnett 4; Allen 4; Smith 4; Person 3.						

'95 SCHEDULE

Sept. 9	NEBRASKA
Sept. 16	at Louisville
Sept. 23	at Purdue
Sept. 30	BOSTON COLLEGE
Oct. 7	IOWA
Oct. 14	at Illinois
Oct. 21	MINNESOTA
Oct. 28	at Wisconsin
Nov. 4	MICHIGAN
Nov. 11	at Indiana
Nov. 25	PENN STATE



NEW DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR DEAN PEES FINDS THE STRENGTH OF THE UNIT AT LINEBACKER, WHERE JUNIOR REGGIE GARNETT SHOULD RETURN TO FORM IN THE MIDDLE.

PHOTO BY BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN

and an old-fashioned approach to work.

If anyone stands to gain, it's Banks, a pretty good passer and a decent runner in his first season of Big Ten football.

This year, he's determined to be something much better — a quality quarterback.

At 6-6, 225 pounds, Banks has the size, the arm strength and the foot speed to play the position — plus a few others in basketball and baseball.

But for the first time, the San Diego native and former Minnesota Twins farmhand has something else, something just as important. He has finally started to grasp some nuances of the game under Gary Tranquill, his third offensive coordinator in three springs.

And that's about the learning curve you'd expect from a quarterback as big as his JC linemen and as fast as any of those receivers.

"I came to Michigan State not knowing anything," Banks said. "I thought the offensive line and the backs were supposed to block everybody. Now, we have all kinds of blitz pickups and hot releases.

"Now, I think I can say I'm a quarterback, not just an athlete."

He shivered and shuddered at the thought of Michigan weather the day he got off the plane last year.

Still, Banks finished third in the conference in passing efficiency and led all non-Collinses with .609 accuracy, 8.57 yards per toss, 11 touchdowns and only six interceptions.

With Penn State's Kerry Collins and Michigan's Todd Collins headed to the NFL, Banks could be the best in the league, with better numbers than Ohio State's Bob Hoying, Illinois' Johnny Johnson and Wisconsin's Darrell Bevell.

"Do I think I'm the best?" Banks said. "Without sounding cocky, I'd have to say yes. Even last year when I never felt comfortable, I never looked at it as Todd and Kerry being way up here, where I could never compare with them."

From a physical perspective, Banks compares favorably with any quarterback the Spartans have had — a stronger, straighter Bobby McAllister. But from a performance standard, the only true measure of an offensive leader, his record is still one game below .500.

And anyone who remembers how Ed Smith was a player-coordinator from 1976-78 or how Dan Enos would make plays out of chaos in 1989-90 knows Banks has plenty to prove before he thinks of the pros.

According to Saban, whose defense stymied New England star Drew Bledsoe twice last season, Banks definitely has an NFL arm.

The next step is to develop a pro quarterback's brain, something No. 12 seems set on doing in his bid to be No. 1.

"They can't call me inexperienced any more," Banks said. "And it hasn't been nearly as difficult an adjustment as last year. The reads and the timing are basically the same. Last year, I don't know if I was ever to the point where I was comfortable out there. I was learning new stuff week to week." Without Banks, the Spartans are one of the weaker teams in their conference. With him healthy, the offense could be surprisingly strong.

It's hard to remember a deeper MSU corps of wideouts here than Derrick Mason, Nigea Carter, Muhsin Muhammad and Napoleon Outlaw. And Scott Greene, Duane Goulbourne, Marc Renaud and Tyrone Crenshaw are good enough backs to take a team to a decent bowl game.

The question is up front, where four new starting linemen have to open some holes for MSU's rushers and close them all to opposing pass rushers.

If that occurs, look for Banks to lead the most exciting and effective Spartan offense since Darryl Rogers' revolutionary thinking — that footballs can fly — in the late 1970s.

"Coach Tranquill thinks we haven't run a good play since we've been here," Banks said. "He's trying to show me what we're doing with each pass, instead of just going back and throwing it.

"He said I was like a freshman last year. But now, I want the ball in my hands. I want to lead this team to a championship. And I want to take us to California. That would mean so much to me."

It would mean just as much to his teammates, to his coaches and to Spartans fans who wonder how good Banks really is: Good enough to carry a team if the only time he's carried off is on his teammates' shoulders ... but inconsistent enough to make

SPARTANS SPRING ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
76	Flozell Adams	OT	So.	6-6	310	Bellwood, IL	77	Doug Konieczny	DT	So.	6-5	265	Alpena
23	Yakini Allen	DE	Sr.	6-2	245	Detroit	33	Jason Krueger	OLB	So.	6-1	215	Plymouth
34	Greg Anderson	ILB	Sr.	6-0	220	Warren	84	Gary Kuhn	OLB	Jr.	6-4	250	Toledo, OH
12	Tony Banks	QB	Sr.	6-6	225	San Diego, CA	7	Dan Laughlin	QB	So.	5-9	165	Bennington, VT
13	Steve Barnhill	P/PK	Jr.	6-3	203	Mt. Dora, FL	20	Octavio Long	FL	So.	5-11	175	Lansing
40	Michael Barry	FB	So.	6-1	210	Davison	21	Harold Major	RB	Fr.	6-1	195	Flint
52	Matt Beard	C	Jr.	6-2	270	Lansing	21	Demetrice Martin	CB	Sr.	5-9	180	Pasadena, CA
61	Floyd Bell	DT	Sr.	6-6	331	Flint	80	Derrick Mason	SE	Jr.	5-11	185	Detroit
19	Luke Bencie	FS	Sr.	6-3	225	Sarasota, FL	42	Vince Mastromatteo	FB	Sr.	5-9	208	Marblehead, MA
48	Julnar Bernadel	FB	Fr.	5-11	235	Stamford, CT	92	Robert McBride	DT	Sr.	6-2	272	Detroit
31	Derrick Brazle	WR	Fr.	6-0	182	Flint	63	Brian Mossalam	OG	Jr.	6-2	275	Dearborn
3	Amp Campbell	C	Fr.	6-2	185	Sarasota, FL	65	Dave Mudge	OT	So.	6-7	287	Whitby, Ontario
54	Dan Cantrell	OLB	Sr.	6-3	240	New Canaan, CT	1	Muhsin Muhammad	FL	Sr.	6-3	205	Lansing
81	Nigea Carter	WR	Jr.	6-3	185	Coconut Creek, FL	8	Napoleon Outlaw	SE	Sr.	5-10	175	West Palm Bch, FL
18	Charles Clark	WR	So.	6-2	175	Lansing	32	Antwan Patrick	TB	So.	6-0	183	Wilmington, NC
20	Jodd Cortez	DB	So.	5-11	175	Honolulu, HI	95	Todd Pearson	TE	Jr.	6-4	255	Shelby Township
68	Jamaal Crawford	OT	Jr.	6-3	278	Erie, PA	69	Tony Popovski	C	Sr.	6-4	285	Mt. Clemens
30	Tyrone Crenshaw	TB	Fr.	5-10	185	Pacoima, CA	39	Levon Porter	DB	Fr.	6-0	173	East Lansing
93	Rob Dallaire	TE	Fr.	6-5	220	Gross Pointe	55	Carl Reeves	OLB	Jr.	6-4	225	Oxford
60	Robert Denton	OG	Sr.	6-5	290	Marlinsville, IN	41	Travis Reece	OLB	So.	6-2	240	Detroit
43	Robert Dozier	FB	Jr.	6-0	240	Muskegon	85	Elroy Reese	TE	Jr.	6-5	250	Detroit
35	Brian Echols	SS	Jr.	6-2	188	Benton Harbor	44	Ike Reese	OLB	So.	6-4	218	Cincinnati, OH
49	Scott Emsberger	SS	Fr.	6-4	205	Portage	67	Greg Reid	DT	Fr.	6-4	270	Tinley Park, IL
86	Todd Feeney	TE/LS	Jr.	6-4	260	Henderson, NV	26	Marc Renaud	TB	So.	5-11	186	Deerfield Beach, FL
98	Josh Freeman	DE	So.	6-6	260	Adrian	7	Cedric Saffold	WR	So.	6-2	182	Riviera Beach, IL
14	Chris Gardner	K	So.	5-10	180	Plantation, FL	88	Chris Salani	P	Sr.	6-1	226	Hancock
89	Robert Gardner	TE	Sr.	6-3	225	Clawson	3	Jay Sanford	QB	So.	6-1	175	Stevensville
37	Tyrone Garland	ILB	So.	6-0	227	Cliffwood, NJ	9	Todd Schultz	QB	So.	6-4	190	Morris, IL
22	Reggie Garnett	ILB	Jr.	6-2	225	Akron, OH	73	Scott Shaw	OT	So.	6-4	290	Sterling Heights
27	Duane Goulbourne	TB	Sr.	5-9	189	Detroit	2	Robert Shurelds	FS	Sr.	6-2	180	Cincinnati, OH
56	Garrett Gould	LB	Fr.	6-2	234	Troy	82	Delrico Simons	OLB	Jr.	6-4	242	Cincinnati, OH
47	Scott Greene	FB	Sr.	5-11	227	Canandaigua, NY	16	Mike Sisto	SS	Sr.	6-1	195	St. Helens
28	Dan Hackenbracht	FS	So.	6-2	187	Massillon, OH	96	Chris Smith	DT	Jr.	6-3	245	Clinton Township
15	Stan Hannah	DB	So.	6-0	182	Mount Clemens	44	Jeff Snipes	FB	Jr.	5-10	195	Birmingham
87	Dante Hardy	OLB	Jr.	6-4	207	Cincinnati, OH	24	Robert Spork	DB	So.	5-8	165	Manchester
17	Shon Hart	CB	So.	5-9	170	Elizabeth, NJ	58	Greg Stewart	LB	Jr.	6-2	212	Wilmette, IL
51	Terry Harvey	DE	Sr.	6-2	241	Detroit	79	Jason Strayhorn	OL	Fr.	6-3	270	Indianapolis, IN
97	Orion Hayes	DE	Sr.	6-4	265	Kettering, OH	17	Jeremy Strock	PK	Fr.	5-9	165	Manchester
30	James Helminski	DB	So.	5-11	165	Maristee	5	Sheldon Thomas	CB	So.	5-11	185	Erie, PA
36	Aldi Henry	CB	Jr.	5-11	185	Montreal, Quebec	72	Dan Walker	OG	So.	6-3	310	Detroit
4	Damien Hiram	QB	So.	6-5	195	Jackson	26	Franklin Weaver	CB	So.	5-8	168	Fairfax, VA
10	John Hutchison	QB	Fr.	6-2	190	Onsted	18	Marvin Wright	SS	Jr.	6-1	205	Saginaw
70	Dave Kehr	OT	Jr.	6-6	295	Grandville							
83	Josh Keur	TE	So.	6-5	250	Muskegon							

Roster and depth chart subject to change.

OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
12	Tony Banks*	Senior
4	Damien Hiram	Sophomore
NUMBER	FULLBACK	YEAR
47	Scott Greene*	Senior
43	Robert Dozier	Junior
NUMBER	TAILBACK	YEAR
27	Duane Goulbourne*	Senior
26	Marc Renaud	Sophomore
NUMBER	FLANKER	YEAR
81	Nigea Carter*	Junior
1	Muhsin Muhammad	Senior
NUMBER	SPLIT END	YEAR
80	Derrick Mason	Junior
8	Napoleon Outlaw	Senior
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
83	Josh Keur	Sophomore
85	Elroy Reese	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
65	Dave Mudge	Sophomore
73	Scott Shaw	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
60	Bob Denton*	Senior
72	Don Walker	Sophomore
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
52	Matt Beard	Junior
69	Tony Popovski	Senior
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
63	Brian Mossalam	Junior
79	Jason Strayhorn	Freshman
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
76	Flozell Adams	Sophomore
68	Jamaal Crawford	Junior

*Returning Starter

— DEFENSE —

NUMBER	LEFT END	YEAR
97	Orion Hayes	Senior
98	Josh Freeman	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
92	Robert McBride	Senior
61	Floyd Bell	Senior
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
96	Chris Smith	Junior
67	Greg Reid	Freshman
NUMBER	RIGHT END	YEAR
23	Yakini Allen*	Senior
51	Terry Harvey	Senior
NUMBER	STRONG LINEBACKER	YEAR
41	Travis Reece	Sophomore
84	Gary Kuhn	Junior
NUMBER	MIDDLE LINEBACKER	YEAR
22	Reggie Garnett*	Junior
37	Tyrone Garland	Sophomore
NUMBER	WEAK LINEBACKER	YEAR
44	Ike Reese*	Sophomore
55	Carl Reeves	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT CORNERBACK	YEAR
21	Demetrice Martin*	Senior
36	Aldi Henry	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT CORNERBACK	YEAR
17	Shon Hart	Sophomore
3	Amp Campbell	Freshman
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
35	Brian Echols	Junior
18	Marvin Wright	Junior
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
2	Robert Shurelds*	Senior
28	Dan Hackenbracht	Sophomore

SPRING UPDATE

Michigan State completed an unusually physical spring without losing any players for the fall.

The worst scare was a severe hip pointer in the final practice for free safety Robert Shurelds. He was carried off the field face-down as a precaution against possible spinal damage.

"There hasn't been anyone hurt who won't be 100 percent before we start again on Aug. 11," said new head coach Nick Saban. "I've never looked at football as a dangerous game. And I've never coached that way."

◆ MSU's top players were involved in heavy contact, with knee surgery for offensive tackle Dave Mudge, a cracked collarbone for tailback Duane Goulbourne and a separated shoulder for wideout Octavio Long a comparatively light toll.

◆ The Greens, MSU's probable starters, defeated the Whites 30-7 in the Spartans' annual spring game, prompting a well-conceived com-

ment from defensive tackle Chris Smith, "Nebraska oughta be a little harder."

◆ Michigan State opens the 1995 season on Sept. 9 when the defending national-champion Cornhuskers visit East Lansing.

◆ Outside linebacker Ike Reese has added size and strength but lost no speed from his off-sensational redshirt-freshman season. At 218 pounds, he intercepted a pass and raced 79 yards for a score in the spring game.

◆ Saban's first MSU staff includes three minority coaches — including assistant head coach Charlie Baggett. At the time of their hiring, that marked the largest minority contingent in the conference.

◆ After a strong finish in an extremely limited recruiting period, MSU immediately began researching prospects for 1996. With the goal of regaining a strong footing in Michigan, one day a week was dedicated to recruiting.

— Jack Ebling

you wonder if that will ever occur.

"I wonder myself sometimes, 'Can I pull it out?'" Banks said. "I haven't really won anything since I was a little kid playing Pop Warner."

He needs to continue to improve if MSU is to reach its 12th bowl — and its eighth in 12 years.

"He makes a lot of good plays," Saban said. "But I've also seen him throw it up for grabs and lose his concentration. Real good quarterbacks don't make many mistakes like that."

Real good receivers can erase some mistakes and help talented passers become real good quarterbacks. Though juniors Mason and Carter and seniors Muhammad and Outlaw combined for just 42 catches last year, don't be surprised if they team for 142 this season.

Sophomore Josh Keur was forced into action last fall and should be a solid player the next three seasons, with support from senior Luke Bencie, a converted quarterback, and junior Elroy Reese, a transfer from UNLV.

But the best receiver and, based on a vote of his teammates last year, the team's best player is senior fullback Scott Greene. The 227-pounder averaged 5.5 yards per rush and led the Spartans with 42 receptions.

"I could talk all day about Scott Greene," Banks said. "It's hard to say what he does best. It's really unusual to see someone get you the tough yards, then bounce outside and make everyone miss."

If an MSU tailback misses much practice time in August, he could find himself on the outside of the huddle, peering in. And that's assuming Greene plays fullback.

Goulbourne has rushed for 1,903 yards and 16 touchdowns as a sophomore and junior. Despite missing much of the spring with a fractured collarbone, he should be much stronger this fall.

Sophomores Renaud and Antwain Patrick showed flashes last year, combining for another 715 yards. And Crenshaw, a redshirt-freshman, can shake with any of the upperclassmen.

The trick is to develop enough block-

ing, with tackle Brian DeMarco headed to the pros and three other established linemen leaving.

Look for senior holdover Bob Denton to switch to left guard, junior Brian Mossallam to fill that spot on the right side, massive Dave Mudge and Flozell Adams to take over at tackle, and either junior Matt Beard or senior walk-on Tony

likely double as a punt returner this season, with Greene also available.

A defense that surrendered 40 points against Michigan and allowed 59 at Penn State will be reconfigured into a base 4-3, with occasional use of Perles' Pittsburgh Stunt.

The problem is a lack of dominating players and proven depth on the line and in the backfield.

New defensive coordinator Dean Pees finds the strength of the unit at linebacker, where junior Reggie Garnett should return to form in the middle and flashy sophomore Ike Reese could improve on a team-high 92 tackles outside. If Reese responds to strength coach Ken Mannie's methods and plays at closer to 220 pounds than 200, he could easily have an All-Big Ten-type year at the weakside spot.

At strongside linebacker, look for sophomore Travis Reece, a converted fullback, and junior Gary Kuhn, a former tight end, to battle for the starting job.

Up front, seniors Yakini Allen, a linebacker last year, and Robert McBride, back from a battle with academics, are sure to contribute, with junior Chris Smith another possibility. But the lack of defensive linemen in the program was a glaring weakness when Saban arrived. And if incoming freshmen or a JC transfer can play, they won't have to wait in line. The secondary is led by All-American candidate Demetrice Martin, a senior cornerback who had seven interceptions last season.

Senior Robert Shurelds and hard-hitting junior Brian Echols should get first crack at the safety positions.

But like lots of other positions, there's an important spot at the corner to be won. By somebody.

As remarkable as Saban's record has been, including a stint when the most generous defense in NFL history became the league's stingiest, there's one thing to remember: He'll bring the Browns defense to East Lansing.

What he won't bring are the Browns players.

— Jack Ebling



DUANE GOULBOURNE HAS RUSHED FOR 1,903 YARDS AND 16 TOUCHDOWNS AS A SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR.

PHOTO BY BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN

Popovski to play center.

Saban has devoted plenty of time to special teams, where sophomore kicker Chris Gardner and senior punter Chris Salani need to be much more consistent, and kick returner Mason ranks with the nation's best.

Gardner's 4-for-10 accuracy from 30 to 39 yards was a factor in two defeats, while Salani's 38.8-yard punting average was helped by several good rolls. Mason posted the second-highest kickoff return yardage in conference history last year, averaging 26.8 yards a runback and 87.8 a game. He'll



PHOTO BY BOB ROSANTO

STOKING THE BIG ELEVEN FIRE

It's Penn State vs. Tradition

FOR TWO MONTHS FANS HAD BEEN COUNTING THE DAYS UNTIL THE BIG TEN'S MOST ANXIOUSLY ANTICIPATED COLLISION IN YEARS. MICHIGAN VERSUS PENN STATE, THE OLD GUARD AGAINST THE NEW.

It was a rarity in recent Big Ten annals: a game with national title implications on both sides of the field. The matchup lost little luster even as the Wolverines dropped a last-second heartbreaker to Colorado three weeks earlier. Penn State rolled into Ann Arbor ranked third, two notches higher than Michigan.

With no World Series to distract the attention of the sporting public, the hype surrounding the game ran high from the mountains of Central Pennsylvania to the shores of the Great Lakes. Players and coaches from both schools uttered all the proper pregame clichés about respecting their foes and taking it one snap at a time. But one quote stood out amid the banalities.

Asked if the Nittany Lions had been accepted by their Big Ten brethren, Penn State quarterback Kerry Collins said, "I feel there's a bit of resentment. I don't feel that we've been accepted because we are the new kids on the block. I think it will be taken care of over time, but I think that theory definitely holds some water."

And as the Nittany Lions celebrated their 31-24 victory in the Big House — a win that would boost them to No. 1 in both major polls — tailback Ki-Jana Carter nodded when a reporter told him it was rare for a Big Ten team to still be nursing national title aspirations so late in the season. "I think Penn State is going to bring that to the Big Ten," Carter said. "Most of the time, Big Ten teams try to win the Big Ten. We're gunning for it all."

The words of Collins and Carter had more than a ring of truth.

The other 10 members of the League That Can't Count could only grit their teeth as the Beast From the East knocked off the Wolverines and romped to the title.

Their 12 games notwithstanding, to the list of things the Nittany Lions didn't win last fall (beginning with the mythical national title), add "friends in the Big Ten."

Back when Woody and Bo roamed the sidelines, they called it the Big 2 and the Little 8. After last year the league could be known as the Big 1 and the Tiny 10.

The black-shoe brigade bombed Minnesota 56-3.

And dispatched Iowa 61-21, a trouncing that ranks among the worst defeats in Hayden Fry's tenure with the Hawkeyes.

And beat Michigan 31-24 in the Big House.

And slaughtered Ohio State 63-14, scoring more than anyone has against the Buckeyes since 1902.

The Ohio State game marked only the fourth time in 99 years of Big Ten football that a school had knocked off Michigan and Ohio State in consecutive games.

After dominating Indiana for 55 minutes the Nittany Lions settled for a 35-29 victory. They spotted Illinois a 21-0 lead in Champaign and then rallied past one of the nation's best defenses for a pulsating 35-31 victory.

After that they merely thrashed Northwestern and Michigan State by a combined 104-48.

Penn State rewrote several Big Ten records, including most points per conference game. The Nittany Lions' 48.1 average was more than a touchdown beyond Michigan State's 1978 mark.

Penn State went unbeaten and untied. It also wound up uncrowned, but that's another story.

The Nittany Lions deserved a spot on the list of the greatest teams in the Big Ten's first 99 years. And as the teams prepare to mark the centennial of the nation's oldest conference, there's a new rivalry in Midwestern college football. It's Penn State versus the Big Ten.

The rivalry really began in the summer of 1993, before the Nittany Lions took their first snap as a conference member. At training camps across the league there was the sense of defending the Big Ten's honor against the longtime independent.

Before Penn State entered the league, Paterno tried to downplay the fact that his team was viewed in many circles as a league outsider. "Do I see us carrying a banner of Eastern football supremacy into the Big Ten? Not at all," he said. "This is an arrangement that helps both sides."

To be certain, the Nittany Lions were anything but brash that first year. They paid the proper respect to every opponent. When they lost back-to-back games in midseason — symbolically enough, to the old warlords,



PHOTO BY MARK MCINTYRE

Before Penn State entered the league, Paterno tried to downplay the fact that his team was viewed in many circles as a league outsider.

Michigan and Ohio State — they accepted their third-place finish and slot in the Citrus Bowl with grace.

"I am just thankful that we are competitive," Paterno said.

For the most part, the rivalry has been friendly, and the merger has been good for both the venerable conference and the much-decorated former independent.

"I don't have a problem with Penn State being in the Big Ten," Michigan's Tony Henderson said. "There used to be two perennial powers and now there's four or five. That's good. It brings more notoriety to the conference. We're here to compete. I'd rather play a Penn State than a Northwestern any day."

The Big Ten enjoyed heightened visibility on the East Coast, where the Nittany Lions maintain a faithful fol-

lowing. The league also saw its best shot at a national football title since the undefeated Ohio State Buckeyes lost the 1980 Rose Bowl by a point to USC.

While the conference affiliation cost Penn State a shot at No. 1 Nebraska in the last postseason, the long view shows that the move has revived a flagging program.

In 1988 the Nittany Lions finished below .500 for the first time in Paterno's career, and they had placed in the final *Associated Press* Top 10 only once from 1987 to 1992, their final season as independent. "We haven't been one of the elite teams in the country," Collins said before last year's Michigan game.

Though no conference affiliation can change the fact that Penn State is an Eastern school, it has much in common with the flatland universities. It shares a commitment to dairy rivalled only by the University of Wisconsin. And the scent of fresh manure is as strong on the outskirts of Penn State's campus as it is at the University of Illinois.

In most respects, the merger has already paid dividends for Penn State, both in academics and athletics. Few people outside State College realize that Paterno led a fundraising drive that raised \$13.75 million for expansion of the library — an effort aimed at meeting Big Ten standards.

"When our people realized that we were way behind, it was a lot easier to raise the money," Paterno said. "Nobody wants to be in a conference where they're the low man on the totem pole in any area."

Several Penn State teams have also improved since the merger. The men's basketball program, for example, has seen average attendance leap nearly 80 percent since 1988-89. In the fall of 1995 the Nittany Lion hoopsters will open the \$55 million Bryce Jordan Center, a 15,000-seat building that will make

memories. It's obvious that if Penn State hadn't joined the hoops-crazy Big Ten it would still be playing in Rec Hall, which has all the amenities of a YMCA.

Still, most of the focus on Penn State's move to the league has been on the football field, and that's where the rivalry is taking shape.

"We definitely want to establish ourselves in the Big Ten, to be one of the powers in the conference," said wideout Freddie Scott, who grew up in the Detroit area. "We didn't come in here hoping to be mediocre."

Then came 1994. Penn Staters won't forget it. Neither will many of Penn State's Big Ten rivals.

Bet the next game with the Nittany Lions has already been circled in more than a few football offices around the league.

While Penn State's 1994 romp has made it a marked team on every campus, the rivalry with Ohio State seems likely to become the most heated. The Nittany Lions and Buckeyes haven't been enemies for long, but their rivalry has the potential for fireworks.

Ohio State is the closest Big Ten school to Penn State. It's the only Big Ten state touching Pennsylvania, but the states share much more than a border.

They often share recruiting wish-lists. Penn State's dazzling tailback, Ki-Jana Carter, grew up 10 minutes from the Ohio State campus but signed with Penn State. Buckeye starting tailback Eddie George grew up in Philadelphia but drove past State College on his way to school in Columbus.

You want fighting words? Listen to Penn State All-American guard Jeff Hartings, born and bred in tiny St. Henry, Ohio, which is also the hometown of Buckeye quarterback Bobby Hoying. Hartings didn't even consider following his neighbor to Ohio State.

"They tried to recruit me, and I told them I wasn't interested," Hartings said.

Imagine that. An Ohioan who isn't interested in wearing the Scarlett and Gray. Somewhere, Woody Hayes must be tearing his trademark "O" cap to shreds.

Carter could have gone almost anywhere he wished. He might well have stayed close to home if the Big Ten hadn't invited Penn State to join.

"At the moment they recruited me, they told me that they were coming in (to the conference)," Carter said. "I wanted my mom to have a chance to

Series Highlights

The Goal-line Stand, 1993

In the first-ever meeting between Michigan and Penn State, the game turned on a series heavy with symbolism late in the third quarter. With four downs to score from the Michigan 1, Penn State coach Joe Paterno apparently decided to prove his team belonged by feeding the defending Big Ten champs their own medicine. But four cracks at the middle of the line produced nothing against the visitors. Michigan won, 21-13. Months later, Penn State center Bucky Greeley recalled, "It's the hardest piece of film I've ever had to watch."

Taunts in the Horseshoe, 1993

On a day of swirling snow and sleet, Ohio State ground the visitors into the mire, 24-6, and it wasn't that close. The Nittany Lions left the old gray horseshoe with the taunts of Buckeye fans ("Big Ten! Big Ten!") ringing in their ears.

Top Five Shootout, 1994

Third-ranked Penn State leaped to No. 1 in the country after knocking off the No. 5 Wolverines in a wild shootout, 31-24, among 106,832 fans at Michigan Stadium. Penn State leaped out to a 16-0 lead, then fell behind 17-16, but scored the winner on a 16-yard third-down strike from Kerry Collins to Bobby Engram. Penn State rolled up an astounding 444 yards.

Sweet Revenge, 1994

The Nittany Lions paid back Ohio State, with interest, for their 1993 humiliation, by recording a 63-14 annihilation. Penn State scored on seven of its first nine possessions. Afterward, Buckeye coach John Cooper humbly thanked Paterno for sending in everyone but the manager in an effort to keep the final score in double digits. "I thought Joe was pretty generous to us," Cooper said. "He played a lot of different people. We were going against some third-string defensive players."

The Comeback, 1994

On a gray, drizzly day in Champaign, the Nittany Lions bumbled their way to a 21-0 first quarter deficit against the third-rated defense in the country. They patiently chipped away, however, and drew within 31-28 midway through the fourth quarter. They finally took the lead with a last-ditch 96-yard drive and then held on to the 35-31 victory when Kim Herring intercepted an Illinois pass in his own end zone as the final gun sounded.

— Andrew Bagnato

see me play. We were raised knowing how good the Big Ten was."

That's life in the Big Ten. The names of the players and coaches change, but the grudges live on. Paterno, who had spent his coaching career as an independent, guessed that it wouldn't take long for the fires of rivalry to ignite once his team started butting heads with the Big Ten.

"I kind of thought it might happen if we would be competitive," Paterno

said. "I thought that we would get into a situation pretty quick where (Penn State fans) are thinking two things in the back of their minds — one, if you come to this stage where you have a shot at all the marbles, that is fine, but in the back of their minds also you have a shot of winning the conference championship.

"There is very little difference in the intensity of those goals."

— Andrew Bagnato

Rating the Conference

Even Paterno Has Some Holes To Fill (But Not Many)

QUARTERBACKS •••••

Replacing the Collins Couple won't be easy. The Big Ten lost its top two QBs, and two of the nation's best, in Penn State's Kerry Collins and Michigan's Todd Collins.

Of the experienced returnees, four appear to be ready to make a run toward the head of the class — Wisconsin's Darrell Bevell, Ohio State's Bobby Hoying, Illinois' Johnny Johnson and Michigan State's Tony Banks.

But watch out for Indiana's Chris Dittoe, a strong-armed junior who has been impressive in a reserve role the past two years. And Purdue's Rick Trefzger, despite coming off knee surgery, is solid.

NO. TEAM	SUMMARY
1. Wisconsin	Darrell Bevell was league's best in '93.
2. Ohio State	Bobby Hoying is a solid, experienced vet.
3. Michigan State	Tony Banks has to get used to new coaches, new line.
4. Illinois	Very athletic, but Johnny Johnson needs consistency.
5. Indiana	Chris Dittoe has shown awesome passing ability.
6. Purdue	Rick Trefzger is steadily becoming a fine QB.
7. Iowa	Matt Sherman, Ryan Driscoll ... an adequate pair.
8. Northwestern	Tim Hughes, Steve Schnur ... see Iowa comment.
9. Penn State	Wally Richardson has watched a lot.
10. Michigan	Scott Dreisbach has potential, but he's just a freshman.
11. Minnesota	Inexperience is sophomore Cory Sauter's problem.

RUNNING BACKS •••••

The Big Ten was overloaded with quality running backs last year, with nine rushing for more than 1,000 yards. The league had three in the nation's Top 10, six in the Top 15 and eight in the Top 25.

Five of those runners return, plus four others who gained at least 700 yards, so '95 should be another good year for running backs.

The returning 1,000-yard rushers are Indiana's Alex Smith (1,474), Minnesota's Chris Darkins (1,443), Ohio State's Eddie George (1,442), Purdue's Mike Alstott (1,188) and Iowa's Sedrick Shaw (1,002).

NO. TEAM	SUMMARY
1. Ohio State	Eddie George has more help than the others in the league.
2. Michigan	Time for Tim Biakabutuka, Ed Davis to strut their stuff.
3. Penn State	Mike Archie gets his chance; two good FBs help a lot.
4. Minnesota	Chris Darkins outstanding, but has questionable line.
5. Purdue	Alstott often overlooked. Promising youngsters, too.
6. Indiana	Smith great as frosh. Look for FB Steve Lee to carry more.
7. Illinois	Solid twosome in Ty Douthard, Robert Holcombe.
8. Iowa	Sedrick Shaw returns, but will miss workhorse FB Kent Kahl.
9. Michigan State	Duane Goulbourne another potential 1,000-yarder.
10. Northwestern	Dennis Lundy gone, but Darrell Autry shows promise.
11. Wisconsin	Badgers start over without Brent Moss, Terrell Fletcher.

RECEIVERS •••••

Similar to the running back position, the Big Ten lost some outstanding pass catchers — namely Ohio State's Joey Galloway, Purdue's Burt Thornton, Indiana's Eddie Baety and Illinois' Jasper Strong — from a year ago.

But this remains a strong spot, with several promising newcomers appearing ready to step up.

Last year, Penn State's Bobby Engram won the inaugural Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver, and Michigan's Amani Toomer was a finalist. Both return, but both will have new quarterbacks throwing to them.

NO. TEAM	SUMMARY
1. Michigan	Toomer, Mercury Hayes sparkle; TE Jay Riemersma a bonus.
2. Penn State	Engram one of nation's best, Scott not far behind.
3. Ohio State	Strength in numbers: Buster Tillman, Terry Glenn and Co.
4. Indiana	Ajamu Stoner a star in the making. Eric Matthews can fly.
5. Purdue	Unproven, but Craig Allen, Brian Alford could surprise.
6. Wisconsin	Tony Simmons one of Big Ten's bright, young stars.
7. Illinois	Jason Dulick could emerge as one of league's top WRs.
8. Minnesota	Inexperience abounds, but offense is wide open.
9. Michigan State	At least Nigea Carter is back.
10. Northwestern	Only TE Shane Graham returns with any experience.
11. Iowa	It's reloading time for the Hawkeyes.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN •••••

Ohio State, Michigan and Penn State should have offensive lines that rank with the best in the country. All three teams have four starters returning up front. Indiana, also with four returning starters, should have a solid offensive line.

Even though Ohio State's Corey Stringer and Michigan's Trezelle Jenkins turned pro early, the Big Ten, as usual, has plenty of outstanding offensive linemen, led by Penn State All-American guard Jeff Hartings.

NO. TEAM	SUMMARY
1. Penn State	All-American Jeff Hartings, Marco Rivera lead 4 starters.
2. Ohio State	Top OT Orlando Pace and veteran pals can be dominant.
3. Michigan	Joe Marinaro and Wolverines uphold tradition.
4. Indiana	Hoosier group just notch below top three lines.
5. Iowa	Matt Purdy, Casey Wiegmann two of best in the league.
6. Purdue	Boilers were good last year, and three starters return.
7. Wisconsin	Lost 3 great ones, but can build around Jerry Wunsch.
8. Illinois	Strong in the middle with center Chris Koerwitz.
9. Northwestern	Wildcats experienced with three returning starters.
10. Minnesota	Mike Giovinnetti, Todd Jesewitz offer a good start.
11. Michigan State	Spartans will be inexperienced with only one returnee.

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Wisconsin BADGERS

New-Look Badgers Take The Field

Darrell Bevell is a 25-year-old quarterback who spent two years recruiting for the Mormon church in Cleveland. He had a lot of doors shut in his face. But he opened new ones. Bevell likes challenges.

Matt Nyquist is a 23-year-old tight end-fullback who spent last spring running plays at both tight end and fullback. He had a lot to learn. But he absorbed it all.

Steve Stark is a 22-year-old offensive guard who spent an apprenticeship on defense before moving to offense. He had a lot to grasp. But he handled it. Stark likes challenges.

Jason Maniecki is a 22-year-old defensive tackle who spent his first 10 years in Poland. He had a lot of language barriers. But he overcame them. Maniecki likes challenges.

Eric Unverzagt is a 22-year-old line-backer who spent last year explaining himself to others — "People say I look like Charles Manson or some other criminal." He got a lot of stares. But he out-stared them. Unverzagt likes challenges.

Barry Alvarez is a 48-year-old football coach who spent last winter turning down NFL overtures from the Philadelphia Eagles and Los Angeles-St. Louis Rams. He had a lot of money on the table, a lot of reasons to leave. But he opted to stay at Wisconsin.

Alvarez likes challenges.

It's a good thing, too, because the sixth-year Wisconsin head coach is facing a big challenge in 1995.

Bevell, Nyquist and Stark will be the only senior starters on offense.

Maniecki and Unverzagt will be the only senior starters on defense.

In sum, Alvarez has the challenge of replacing 13 starters from last season's 7-4-1 team which finished with a flourish.

The Badgers won four of their last five games, including their final three over Cincinnati, Illinois and Duke in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

Coupled with their victory over UCLA in the previous Rose Bowl, the Badgers

are one of just three schools that have won January bowl games in each of the last two years. (Florida State and Penn State are the others.)

Alvarez, moreover, became just the fifth coach in Big Ten history to win his first two bowl appearances. (Illinois' Ray Elliot, Ohio State's Woody Hayes, Iowa's Forest Evashevski and Purdue's Jim Young were the others.)

Getting to a third straight bowl is the challenge for Alvarez, who has guided the Badgers to a 17-5-2 record over the last two seasons, representing the best winning percentage at Wisconsin in four decades.

"We have an interesting mix of experienced people and hungry young guys," Alvarez said. "And it's just a matter of putting it all together."

"That's the fun part. It's a mix, but I like mixes like this. I really think we have a good blend of players."

Alvarez singled out his seniors — Bevell, Maniecki, Unverzagt, et al — for special consideration.

"We've got some guys who have been through it all," he said, "who have been

major contributors to our Big Ten championship and two bowl wins.

"I expect them to provide the leadership that we need to sustain the program. We don't have many seniors. But some of them have played a lot of football for us."

"Of course, we lost a lot of good football players."

Among the missing:

* Tailbacks Brent Moss and Terrell Fletcher, who rank second and third in career rushing, respectively;

* Tight end Mike Roan, who started four years. Only one tight end, athletic director Pat Richter, has caught more passes in school history than Roan, who caught 92;

* Left tackle Mike Verstegen, left guard Joe Rudolph and center Cory Raymer, all of whom earned first-team All-Big Ten honors;

* Wide receivers J.C. Dawkins and Lee DeRamus, who opted to skip his fourth year of eligibility after missing the entire 1994 season with a broken leg;

* Defensive tackle Mike Thompson, who started every game in his career (46) and had at least one minus-yardage play in 34 of them;

* The starting secondary of cornerbacks Kenny Gales and Donny Brady and safeties Jeff Messenger and Jamel Brown;

* Punter Sam Veit, a four-year regular.

All in all, the UW program is undergoing a significant facelift with the departure of 27 seniors, including 22 who were in the two-deep lineup.

The 1994 senior class as a whole accounted for the second winningest record (27-17-2) in the modern era of Wisconsin football.

In raw numbers, the Badgers must replace 91.7 percent of their rushing offense, 44.7 percent of their passing offense and 62.9 percent of their total

WISCONSIN AT A GLANCE

1994: 7-4-1 overall, 4-3-1/4th
THE '90s: 28-27-2 overall, 2-0 bowls

COACH: Barry Alvarez
At UW: 28-27-2, 5 years
Overall: 28-27-2, 5 years

PLAYERS TO WATCH: QB Darrell Bevell, LB Pete Monty, WR Tony Simmons, LB Eric Unverzagt, OT Jerry Wunsch.

OVERVIEW: In some ways, the Badgers' 7-4-1 record last season was just as important to the program as the Cinderella Rose Bowl season of 1993. Bevell looks like he can lead them back to another 8-win season, which would be 25 victories in three seasons.

DARRELL BEVELL HAS BEEN A DEPENDABLE, IF NOT FLASHY, PERFORMER. HE'S ALREADY WON MORE GAMES (21-10-2) THAN ANY OTHER BADGER QUARTERBACK.

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BADGERS RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Bryn BOGGS DB	5-11, 175	Downton, PA	Downton
SuperPrep All-East, rated No. 22 player in Pennsylvania ♦ Prep Football Report All-East ♦ As a senior, had 46 tackles, three interceptions and nine passes broken up ♦ Helped team to state title game ♦ Had 25 career touchdowns and 2,773 rushing yards ♦ Runs 4.5 in 40-yard dash.			
Tom BURKE DL	6-4, 240	Poplar	Northwestern
Gatorade Player-of-the-Year for Wisconsin ♦ USA Today All-American ♦ SuperPrep All-American, rated No. 82 player in Midwest ♦ Prep Football Report All-American ♦ All-State on offense and defense ♦ As a senior, was in on 115 tackles, including 24 for loss ♦ Runs 4.75 in 40-yard dash.			
Marcus CARPENTER LB	6-2, 220	Elkhart, IN	Jimtown
USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ SuperPrep All-American, rated No. 66 player in Midwest ♦ All-State ♦ BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 7 running back in Midwest ♦ As a senior, rushed for 1,286 yards (8.2 yard average) and 21 touchdowns ♦ Had 60 tackles, including 15 for loss ♦ National Honor Society.			
Pat DALEY OL	6-5, 270	Iron Mountain, MI	Iron Mountain
BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 5 offensive lineman in Midwest ♦ SuperPrep All-American, rated No. 53 player in Midwest ♦ Ranked No. 27 player in Midwest by Tom Lemming ♦ All-State ♦ Team captain ♦ Career totals of 55 tackles for loss, 14 caused fumbles and six recovered ♦ Helped team to state title in 1993.			
Chris DOWNS WR	6-2, 185	Carlsbad, CA	Carlsbad
All-State ♦ As a senior, caught 35 passes for 646 yards ♦ Helped team to league title ♦ Averaged 38 yards per kick as team's punter ♦ Runs 4.5 in 40-yard dash.			
Donny EICHER LB	6-3, 220	Hartland	Arrowhead
SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 15 player in Midwest ♦ USA Today Player-of-the-Year for Wisconsin ♦ Prep Football Report All-American ♦ BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 2 linebacker in Midwest ♦ Helped team to consecutive state titles ♦ As a senior, had 100 tackles, including 17 for loss, and recovered three fumbles.			
Aaron GIBSON OL	6-7, 360	Indianapolis, IN	Decatur Central
USA Today All-American ♦ SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 19 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated All-Region ♦ All-State ♦ As a senior, had 46 tackles, four recovered fumbles and six passes knocked down.			
Jean JOURDAIN RB	6-0, 185	Evanston, IL	Evanston
SuperPrep All-Midwest, ranked No. 89 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated ranked No. 9 tailback prospect in Midwest ♦ As a senior, ran for 1,510 yards and 12 touchdowns ♦ Helped team to state playoffs.			
Nate KROEPUN TE	6-7, 235	Minocqua	Lakeland
BlueChip Illustrated All-Midwest ♦ Rated No. 85 player in Midwest by Tom Lemming ♦ As a senior, had 20 catches for 224 yards ♦ Three-time All-League ♦ Led basketball team in scoring for three seasons ♦ All-Conference in baseball ♦ Honor roll student.			
Chris McINTOSH OL	6-7, 270	Pewaukee	Pewaukee
SuperPrep All-Midwest, rated No. 39 player in Midwest ♦ Ranked No. 1 player in Wisconsin by Tom Lemming before 1994 season ♦ Missed senior season due to knee injury.			
Ahmad MERRITT WR	5-10, 175	Chicago, IL	St. Rita
SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 55 player in Midwest ♦ Prep Football Report All-American ♦ Rated No. 44 player in Midwest by Tom Lemming ♦ As a senior, caught 23 passes for 29.3 yards per reception average, despite missing four games with injury ♦ Had 63 career catches and 21 touchdowns ♦ Runs 4.4 in 40-yard dash.			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Trey MILLER DB	6-1, 195	Aurora, CO	Eagle Crest
SuperPrep All-American ♦ Rated No. 27 player in Midlands by Prep Football Report ♦ Ranked No. 5 defensive back in Big 8 Region by BlueChip Illustrated ♦ Two-time All-Conference ♦ As a senior, had 56 tackles, five interceptions and three recovered fumbles ♦ Runs 4.5 in 40-yard dash.			
Bobby MYERS DB	6-2, 170	Hamden, CT	Hamden
All-State in football and track ♦ Rated No. 58 player in East Region by Prep Football Report ♦ As a senior, intercepted six passes and blocked two punts ♦ Rushed for 700 yards and accounted for 11 touchdowns as senior quarterback ♦ Won New England high jump championship as a junior.			
Eric PAULY DL/TE	6-5, 230	Waukesha	South
BlueChip Illustrated All-Region ♦ SuperPrep ranked No. 71 player in Midwest ♦ Rated No. 55 player in Midwest by Tom Lemming ♦ Career totals of 68 catches for 980 yards and 12 touchdowns, and had 18 sacks ♦ As a senior, caught 43 passes, scored eight touchdowns, and had 77 tackles ♦ Team captain and Most Valuable Player.			
Tirrell ROBINSON RB	5-10, 170	Maywood, IL	Walther Lutheran
SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 87 player in Midwest ♦ Prep Football Report All-American ♦ All-State ♦ Career totals of 4,085 rushing yards, 62 touchdowns, and 8.83 yards per carry ♦ As a senior, gained 1,985 yards and scored 30 touchdowns ♦ All-State in track ♦ Runs 4.45 in 40-yard dash.			
Rob ROELL DE	6-5, 240	Iron Mountain, MI	Kingsford
BlueChip Illustrated All-Region ♦ Conference Lineman-of-the-Year ♦ All-State ♦ Team captain ♦ As a senior, had 73 tackles, including 11 for loss, and six fumbles ♦ Honor roll student.			
Tim ROSGA DB	6-2, 185	Roseville, MN	Cretin-Darham Hall
Parade All-American ♦ BlueChip Illustrated Dream Team ♦ Gatorade Player-of-the-Year for Minnesota ♦ As a senior, had 61 tackles and 10 interceptions, and scored eight touchdowns on offense.			
Jamie SPELMAN LB	6-3, 215	Menomonee	Menomonee
Prep Football Report All-Midwest ♦ All-State ♦ As a senior, had 29 tackles for loss, 13 sacks, four interceptions, and scored three defensive touchdowns ♦ Helped team to state title game as a senior and to state championship as a junior ♦ Was in on 138 tackles in 1993 ♦ Runs 4.6 in 40-yard dash.			
John WAERIG FB	6-2, 240	Philadelphia, PA	Cardinal Dougherty
Two-time All-Conference ♦ Prep Football Report All-East, ranked No. 97 prospect in that region ♦ Had 21 career touchdowns and 360 tackles as linebacker ♦ Honor roll student.			
Marcus WHITE QB	6-2, 190	Evanston, IL	Evanston
USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 1 in Midwest in athlete category ♦ SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 47 prospect in Midwest.			
Charles WILLIAMS RB	6-0, 195	Hazelwood, MO	East
SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 23 prospect in Midlands ♦ Prep Football Report All-American, rated No. 12 prospect in Midwest ♦ Had over 3,000 career rushing yards ♦ As a senior, ran for 1,156 yards and 26 touchdowns and caught 25 passes ♦ Runs 4.5 in 40-yard dash.			
Mark ZANDERS QB	6-4, 215	Joliet, IL	West
National Recruiting Advisor All-American ♦ All-American by Tom Lemming ♦ BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 2 quarterback in Midwest ♦ SuperPrep All-Region, ranked No. 33 player in Midwest ♦ Career totals of 60.5 percent completions, 46 scoring passes and 4,579 passing yards ♦ Three-time All-Conference.			

'94 RESULTS

(7-4-1, 4-3-1)

56	Eastern Michigan	0
17	Colorado	55
62	Indiana	13
10	Michigan State	29
46	Northwestern	14
27	Purdue	27
14	Minnesota	17
31	Michigan	19
3	Ohio State	24
38	Cincinnati	7
19	Illinois	13
34	HALL OF FAME BOWL Duke	20

'94 STATS

PASSING						
NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
Bevell	231	139	1544	60.2	17	10
Macias	75	42	605	56.0	3	5
RUSHING						
NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD	
Fletcher	244	1476	6.0	56	12	
Moss	156	833	5.3	59	8	
Roberson	59	303	5.1	21	2	
Burns	43	273	6.3	32	3	
RECEIVING						
NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD	
Johnson	33	268	8.1	24	3	
Dawkins	27	260	9.6	67	3	
Fletcher	23	180	7.8	31	1	
DEFENSIVE LEADERS						
TACKLES: Monty 131; Unverzagt 115; Brown 98; Hein 86; Thompson 80; Maniecki 76; Saleh 75; Messenger 60.						
INTERCEPTIONS: Messenger 6; Unverzagt 2; Monty 2.						
QB SACKS: Saleh 7; Thompson 6; Hein 3; Monty 2; Maniecki 2; Cascadden 2; Unverzagt 1; Spiller 1.						
TACKLES FOR LOSS: Thompson 14; Maniecki 13; Saleh 13; Monty 12; Unverzagt 6; Hein 5; Cascadden 4; Spiller 3.						

'95 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	COLORADO
Sept. 16	at Stanford
Sept. 23	SMU
Sept. 30	at Penn State
Oct. 14	OHIO STATE
Oct. 21	at Northwestern
Oct. 28	MICHIGAN STATE
Nov. 4	at Purdue
Nov. 11	at Minnesota
Nov. 18	IOWA
Nov. 25	ILLINOIS

offense. Plus, they must make up for 45.4 percent of their tackles on defense.

Despite these losses, the returning cast has some character, beginning with Bevell, who will be entering his fourth season as a starter. Since joining the program after serving his two-year Mormon mission, Bevell has been a dependable, if not flashy, performer. He's already won more games (21-10-2) than any other Badger quarterback.

But he must stay healthy.

Bevell sustained a third-degree shoulder separation in the fifth game of the 1994 season, a 29-10 loss at Michigan State. And he never fully recovered from the injury, which severely limited his throwing and effectiveness the second half of the schedule.

"It was a very disappointing season for me because I had high hopes coming off the Rose Bowl year," said Bevell, who wound up missing eight quarters of action. "The injury really slowed me down. I didn't have the strength and couldn't do what I wanted to do."

Although he completed 60.2 percent of his passes for 1,544 yards and 17 touchdowns, he struggled unmercifully in some games. Twelve of Bevell's interceptions the last two seasons have come in three games — losses to Minnesota, Colorado and Ohio State.

The Badgers, meanwhile, were 12-0 when Bevell didn't throw one.

"Some of the things that happened last season were a direct reflection of the injury," added Bevell, who still has a physical lump the size of a trailer hitch on his throwing shoulder.

"To this day, you can see it and it will be there for the rest of my life. It's caused me pain for a long time."

But most of the pain is now gone. And most of his arm strength has returned, leaving Bevell with a very positive outlook.

"I want to eliminate the bad games," he said. "The consistency has to be there."

Bevell already holds virtually every school record. With 5,413 career passing yards, he needs to throw for 1,521 yards this season to finish among the conference's Top 10 career passers.

He's also on pace to become only the fifth quarterback in Big Ten history to finish with more than 7,000 career passing yards and a 60 percent or better completion percentage.

Iowa's Chuck Long and Illinois' Jack Trudeau, Jason Verduzco and Tony Eason are the others in that select group.

But at the risk of trying to do too much, Bevell knows that he must approach his assignment with intelligence and caution.

"I've tried to do that before — tried to take too many things on my own," Bevell concedes. "And it doesn't work very well."

"The team concept is always the best. These guys are here for a reason, too."



BARRY ALVAREZ IS A 48-YEAR-OLD FOOTBALL COACH WHO SPENT LAST WINTER TURNING DOWN NFL OVERTURES FROM THE PHILADELPHIA EAGLES AND LOS ANGELES-ST. LOUIS RAMS. HE HAD A LOT OF MONEY ON THE TABLE, A LOT OF REASONS TO LEAVE. BUT HE OPTED TO STAY AT WISCONSIN.

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They are some of the best recruited athletes around.

"And I've got to trust in them, believe in them and work with them, instead of trying to do it all by myself."

Developing a personality on offense will be as important as developing a backup for Bevell. Redshirt freshman Mike Samuel will get the first chance to show that he can handle that role.

"One thing I can do is help Mike get better," said Bevell. "Overall, it's going to be fun to see which new guys step up. I always like to know who that left tackle is going to be over there ... protecting my backside."

That would be Manny Castro or Jamie Vanderveldt, who also could start at left guard ahead of Derek Engler. Al Gay has never taken a snap at center in

a collegiate game, but he'll start there.

"I recognize the faces," Bevell said. "They're just not the same ones I've been used to seeing in the huddle."

With the exception, that is, of Stark and Jerry Wunsch, who are the returning starters at right guard and right tackle.

Stark has found a home after a brief trial at defensive tackle earlier in his career. He can also double as the long snapper.

"I know the offensive line is always going to do a good job," Bevell said. "And we're not going to stray too far from the running game."

"But it might not be the bruising, pounding type of running game we've had in the past."

Nonetheless, the Badgers are once again three-deep at tailback with Carl McCullough, Royce Roberson and Aaron Stecker. Each offers a different personality and dimension.

McCullough spent the 1994 season on the sidelines as a redshirt because of a back injury suffered in training camp.

"That was very tough because the coaches were counting on me to contribute to the team last year," said McCullough, a Parade All-American from St. Paul, who picked Wisconsin over Florida State.

"Our new name is power back. And that's one of the things all three of us are going to focus on: running the ball with power. I watched how Brent (Moss) and Terrell (Fletcher) were so competitive and how they helped each other improve and get better. And we want to do the same things. We want to push each other."

Roberson, a converted fullback, and Stecker, a redshirted freshman, have already gained Bevell's confidence.

"Royce is just a bruiser and I've seen Aaron make a lot of people miss," Bevell said. "The three of them together remind me of Terrell, Brent and Jason (Burns)."

"They're the same type of runners. I mean, I've seen Carl and I have to believe tailback isn't going to take a step down."

The tailback is the go-to position in the Alvarez attack. And the productivity there will factor into what kind of personality the offense develops.

Another factor will be the unproven depth at fullback with Nyquist, Branden Cantrell and Cecil Martin.

Ron Johnson is a long shot to retain his starting spot because of a serious knee injury. Johnson led the team in receiving.

Another factor will be the unproven depth at tight end with Nyquist and Ryan Sondrup. The constant is Nyquist, a three-time academic All-Big Ten pick,

BADGERS SPRING ROSTER

No.	NAME	Pos.	CLASS	Ht.	Wt.	HOMETOWN	No.	NAME	Pos.	CLASS	Ht.	Wt.	HOMETOWN
13	Bob Adamov	DB	Fr.	6-0	202	Sturgeon Bay	57	David Lysek	OLB	So.	6-2	225	Bethlehem, PA
54	Dave Anderson	OL	Sr.	6-2	255	Eau Claire	70	Jason Maniecki	DT	Sr.	6-5	290	Wisconsin Dells
85	Steve Baffico	WR	Sr.	5-11	186	Montclair, NJ	37	Cecil Martin	RB	Fr.	6-2	220	Evanston, IL
45	Giscard Bernard	DB	Jr.	6-0	184	Bronx, NY	19	Ben McCormick	QB	So.	6-2	202	Columbus
11	Darrell Bevell	QB	Sr.	6-2	197	Scottsdale, AZ	13	Carl McCullough	RB	So.	6-3	218	St. Paul, MN
3	Michael Brin	WR	Sr.	6-0	177	Highland Park, IL	94	Neil Miklusak	DT	Jr.	6-3	261	Griffith, IN
12	Jevon Brunston	WR	Jr.	6-0	174	Columbus, OH	48	Pete Monty	LB	Jr.	6-2	231	Fort Collins, CO
38	LeMar Campbell	DB	So.	5-11	170	Chester, PA	26	Robert Nelson	RB	Sr.	5-11	200	Makena, IL
32	Brandon Cantrell	RB	So.	6-2	229	Indianapolis, IN	97	Dana Nielsen	K	Fr.	6-0	188	Indianapolis, IN
19	Daryl Carter	OLB	Jr.	6-2	205	Milwaukee	31	Matt Nyquist	TE	Sr.	6-2	240	Cokato, MN
68	Cayetano Castro	OL	Jr.	6-6	310	New York, NY	96	Chris Paulik	OL	Fr.	6-2	278	Menomonee Falls
36	Azree Commander	DE	Jr.	6-3	232	Chicago, IL	32	Eric Pollex	DB	Sr.	5-11	191	Wisconsin Dells
18	Dwayne Cuff	DB	So.	6-1	175	Philadelphia, PA	56	Mike Rader	OL	Jr.	6-5	280	De Pere
64	James Darby	OL	Jr.	6-5	288	Streamwood, IL	44	Royce Roberson	RB	So.	6-1	228	East Chicago, IN
51	Mark Davis	LB	Fr.	6-0	223	Waukesha	72	John Rohde	OL	Jr.	6-4	320	Oswego, IL
39	Pete Diatelevi	OLB	Jr.	6-3	228	Waterbury, CT	42	Tarek Saleh	DE	Jr.	6-3	229	Woodbridge, CT
69	Derek Engler	OL	Jr.	6-5	293	St. Paul, MN	10	Mike Samuel	QB	Fr.	6-3	217	Philadelphia, PA
55	Brian Flanigan	LB	So.	6-2	236	Sturgeon Bay	56	Dan Schneck	LB	Sr.	5-11	225	Whitefish Bay
15	Jeff Forde	QB	So.	6-2	198	Staten Island, NY	90	Haywood Simmons	DT	Sr.	6-3	260	Macon, GA
59	Mike Galletti	OL	Jr.	6-3	285	Ottawa, IL	82	Tony Simmons	WR	So.	6-2	194	Chicago, IL
62	Al Gay	OL	Jr.	6-4	271	Elkhorn	49	Ryan Sondrup	TE	Fr.	6-5	233	Fort Collins, CO
27	Damon Glenn	DB	So.	6-0	181	East Chicago, IN	91	Rod Spiller	DT	Jr.	6-4	250	St. Louis, MO
46	Eric Grams	TE	Fr.	6-4	242	Fond du Lac	18	Dirk Stanger	QB	So.	6-3	196	Woodstock, IL
22	Trent Gross	DB	So.	5-10	182	Menomonee Falls	60	Steve Stark	OL	Sr.	6-3	284	Rockton, IL
95	Todd Halbur	OL	So.	6-4	291	Wisconsin Rapids	43	Aaron Stecker	RB	Fr.	5-9	191	Ashwaubenon
14	John Hall	K	Jr.	6-3	215	Port Charlotte, FL	28	Jason Suttle	DB	So.	5-11	174	Burnsville, MN
84	Donald Hayes	WR	So.	6-5	198	Madison	34	Leonard Taylor	DB	Fr.	6-0	186	Indianapolis, IN
31	Troy Hegg	DB	Sr.	5-10	176	Manitowoc	24	Reggie Torian	WR	So.	6-3	188	Markham, IL
6	Kevin Huntley	DB	So.	6-2	195	Fremont, OH	14	Delta Triplett	DB	Fr.	5-9	165	Milwaukee
59	Joe Innis	DT	So.	6-2	239	Sturgeon Bay	47	Eric Unverzagt	LB	Sr.	6-2	235	Central Islip, NY
22	Ron Johnson	RB	Sr.	6-1	220	Camden, NJ	65	Jamie Vanderveldt	OL	Jr.	6-5	285	Waukesha
58	Royston Jones	DE	Sr.	6-2	221	Brooklyn, NY	61	Todd Vesperman	OL	Fr.	6-4	253	Lancaster
85	Bryan Jurewicz	DE	Jr.	6-5	261	Deerfield, IL	33	Scott Wagner	DB	So.	6-0	182	Milton
4	Greg Keigher	DB	Sr.	5-9 1/2	173	Cool City, IL	7	Cyrill Weems	DB	Jr.	6-2	202	Detroit, MI
17	Jeremy Kranz	P	Jr.	6-3	190	Grafton	92	Brandon Williams	DT	Fr.	6-4	248	Buffalo, NY
49	Brad Lilienthal	OLB	Jr.	6-4	223	Durant, IA	71	Jerry Wunsch	OL	Jr.	6-6	315	Wausau
4	Michael London	WR	Sr.	6-0	170	Sicklerville, NJ	55	Chad Yocum	DE	Sr.	6-4	250	Windsor
88	Rob Lurtsema	DE	So.	6-5	230	Burnsville, MN	15	Scott Young	LB	Sr.	6-0	204	Englewood, CO
9	Kevin Lyles	TE	Jr.	6-4	240	Indianapolis, IN	Roster and depth chart subject to change.						

OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
11	Darrell Bevell*	Senior
10	Mike Samuel	Freshman
NUMBER	FULLBACK	YEAR
37	Cecil Martin	Freshman
32	Brandon Cantrell	Sophomore
NUMBER	RUNNING BACK	YEAR
13	Carl McCullough	Sophomore
44	Royce Roberson	Sophomore
NUMBER	FLANKER	YEAR
82	Tony Simmons*	Sophomore
4	Michael London	Senior
NUMBER	FLANKER	YEAR
24	Reggie Tarian	Sophomore
84	Donald Hayes	Sophomore
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
31	Matt Nyquist	Senior
9	Kevin Lyles	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
68	Cayetano Castro	Junior
95	Todd Halbur	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
65	Jamie Vanderveldt	Junior
69	Derek Engler	Junior
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
62	Al Gay	Junior
56	Mike Rader	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
60	Steve Stark*	Senior
64	James Darby	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
71	Jerry Wunsch*	Junior
72	John Rohde	Junior

*Returning Starter

DEFENSE

NUMBER	LEFT END	YEAR
85	Bryan Jurewicz*	Junior
57	David Lysek	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
70	Jason Maniecki*	Senior
92	Brandon Williams	Freshman
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
91	Rod Spiller*	Junior
90	Haywood Simmons	Senior
NUMBER	RIGHT END	YEAR
42	Tarek Saleh*	Junior
36	Azree Commander	Junior
NUMBER	STRONG LINEBACKER	YEAR
39	Pete Diatelevi	Junior
57	David Lysek	Sophomore
NUMBER	MIDDLE LINEBACKER	YEAR
48	Pete Monty*	Junior
55	Brian Flanigan	Sophomore
NUMBER	WEAK LINEBACKER	YEAR
47	Eric Unverzagt*	Senior
56	Dan Schneck	Senior
NUMBER	LEFT CORNERBACK	YEAR
38	LeMar Campbell	Sophomore
27	Damon Glenn	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT CORNERBACK	YEAR
28	Jason Suttle	Sophomore
7	Cyrill Weems	Junior
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
34	Leonard Taylor	Freshman
13	Bob Adamov	Freshman
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
6	Kevin Huntley	Sophomore
45	Giscard Bernard	Junior

SPRING UPDATE

With four new additions on his coaching staff, Wisconsin's Barry Alvarez was hoping to quickly integrate Jay Hayes, Mike Cassity, Henry Mason and Brian White in the Badgers program in the spring.

He did.

"We had a very smooth transition," Alvarez said. "I hated to lose the people we lost. They were very productive for us. In the same respect, it's healthy to get a change and a different approach to things."

In the staff realignment, linebackers coach Kevin Cosgrove was promoted to defensive coordinator, replacing Dan McCarney, who took the head coaching job at Iowa State.

Hayes was hired to work with the drop linebackers and strong safeties, while Cassity took over the secondary, replacing Tom McMahon, who took a similar job at Notre Dame.

On offense, Henry Mason replaced Jay Novell, who joined McCarney at Iowa State. Mason

will coach the wide receivers. Jim Hueber moved from running backs to the offensive line, replacing Bill Callahan, who left for the Philadelphia Eagles. White will coach the backs.

◆ The Badgers elected five captains for the 1995 season: Quarterback Darrell Bevell, right guard Steve Stark, defensive tackle Jason Maniecki and linebackers Eric Unverzagt and Pete Monty. All are seniors except Monty, a junior.

◆ Aaron Stecker, a redshirt freshman, rushed for 102 yards and a touchdown to help the Cardinal (the No. 1 offense and defense) to a 21-7 victory over the White in the spring game. Carl McCullough, who enters the season as the No. 1 tailback, did not play in the game because of a shoulder bruise.

◆ The Badgers had seven players taken in the NFL draft, and former tailback Brent Moss was not one of them. Among Big Ten teams, only Ohio State (eight) had more players drafted.

— Mike Lucas

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who provides excellent flexibility at two positions.

Suggested Bevell, "The question you have to ask, 'Are we going to have a hard-nosed personality based on our offensive line? Or, are we going to be more of a finesse team?'"

Alvarez is not a finesse coach. But he might be persuaded to throw the ball with a little more frequency thanks to a gifted stable of receivers.

"Touchdown" Tony Simmons is the headliner. He was the team's leading receiver by more than 300 yards, though he ranked just fourth in catches.

"His development had a lot to do with our success the latter half of the season," Alvarez said of Simmons, who had 22 catches and eight touchdowns. "He opened things up for us where people couldn't overplay us like they did early in the year."

Joining Simmons will be Reggie Torian, a Big Ten hurdles champ; Michael London, a fifth-year senior who was red-shirted in 1994; and 6-5 Donald Hayes, one of the heaviest-recruited players the state has ever produced.

"You're not going to see another group of receivers," Alvarez proposed, "which will be any faster, any bigger or any more physical. I really feel good about them. That's one of the reasons I wasn't reluctant to move Kevin Huntley."

Huntley showed promise as a freshman receiver, but because of the heavy graduation losses, Alvarez moved Huntley to free safety where he will line up this fall. Redshirted freshman Leonard Taylor will take over at strong safety.

Only two players have any staring experience in the secondary. LaMar Campbell and Jason Suttle each have started one game at cornerback. Both are sophomores and fixtures.

"People will probably say our defense will only be as good as our secondary," said Unverzagt. "We've got young kids back there, but they're all good athletes and they'll make plays."

The front seven is solid, featuring the team's two leading tacklers at inside linebacker: Pete Monty and Unverzagt.

Maniecki anchors the interior defense, which includes Rod Spiller, Bryan Jurewicz and Tarek Saley.

The Badgers will use more 4-3 schemes than they have in the past, creating an opening for Daryl Carter, a converted safety, at drop linebacker.

Carter is one of the young, hungry players Alvarez is counting on.

And he will have to get them ready quickly because the Badgers open the season on Sept. 2 against Colorado. Penn State and Ohio State are their first two Big Ten opponents.

That's the challenge.

"We have a lot of questions which have to be answered," Alvarez said. "But I see a group of kids who really like playing, who really like each other. I see a very emotional and excitable group."

And he sees a resilient team. With all the things that happened off the field last season, the players have to find a way to bounce back.

"The older guys who are still with us showed what they were made of down the stretch," Alvarez said. "Nobody gave us a chance to get into a bowl, but we did. And we plan on using that as a springboard into this season."

— Mike Lucas



Illinois

FIGHTING ILLINI

Not Quite A Front-Runner, Better Than An Also-Ran

In the world of Big Ten football, there are the constants: Michigan, Ohio State and now, Penn State.

Buoyed by a charismatic coach and some recruiting breaks, an Iowa or a Michigan State or a Wisconsin may figure into the equation now and then. But year in and year out, the Big Three are the teams the upstarts will have to go through.

Tradition plays a large role. But what also fuels that tradition is that the Wolverines, the Buckeyes and the Nittany Lions are the dominant programs in areas that produce outstanding high-school talent. Mix in a few exceptional national recruits, and you have the ingredients for schools that measure success differently.

And then, there is Illinois.

With Chicago and its suburbs to draw recruits from, the Illini seem to have more in common with the perennial powers, from a recruiting standpoint, than Iowa and Indiana and Wisconsin, which have to range farther for talent.

In wins and losses, though, Illinois has more in common with the rest of the Big Ten pack. And that makes college-football observers — national experts and orange-and-blue alike — wonder:

What's the deal with Illinois? Why doesn't the school that produced Red Grange and Dick Butkus win more?

Part of the answer is turmoil at the top. Not long after its last two Rose Bowl appearances, after the 1983 and — gasp! — 1963 seasons, the school was nailed by the NCAA for violations.

When Mike White, coach of Illinois' '83 champions, left after the '87 season, he was followed by John Mackovic, whose mission was to win AND do the right things. Mackovic, who benefitted from the recruits White left behind, stayed four years before bolting for the seemingly broader horizons of Texas.

That brings us to Lou Tepper, an intelligent, wholesome, hard-working defensive specialist who is entering his fourth year as Illinois' head coach.

Tepper has gone 6-5-1, 5-6 and 7-5

for a career record of 18-17-1 (including a 1991 bowl loss after Mackovic left).

At first glance, that's the kind of record Tepper's Illini appear destined for again this fall. The key for the Illinois program, though, is the foundation.

And Tepper, with the support of athletic director Ron Guenther, has laid out a five-year plan to put the Illini on even footing with the Big Boys. If the phrase "five-year plan" conjures images of Eastern European economic shortcomings, the irony is lost on the folks in Champaign.

"Illinois has been a good football program, but I think it can be a great football program," Guenther said. "Fans have a pro mentality: They look at wins and losses. Winning, I believe, will take care of itself because of the foundation that's being laid. It's only a matter of time."

Tepper, who looks and acts like your neighborhood pharmacist, readily jokes about how he's not a glamour guy. But he's a tireless worker, and an exceptionally bright and caring man, and his genuine concern for his players has helped

him build a strong relationship with Illinois high school coaches who had grown wary of White.

That's another part of the reason Illinois hasn't joined the Big Boys. Chicago may be in Illinois. But that hasn't stopped Notre Dame, Wisconsin, Purdue, Iowa and any number of schools from encroaching on what seemingly should be orange-and-blue territory.

Tepper has no interest in winning at the expense of the 91 percent graduation rate Illinois has compiled since he went to Champaign as Mackovic's defensive coordinator. But he thinks his fence-mending with the state's high school coaches already is starting to give him the edge when it comes to keeping in-state talent in state.

He also knows that he has to pluck a few national recruits if he's going to compete with the best in the Big Ten.

"It's not that we can't beat the Michigans and Ohio States. We've done that," said Tepper. "But I don't think you can compete with them on a consistent basis until you have five [recruiting] classes."

Tepper has four. And while the signs are encouraging, they are not overwhelming. Under Tepper, Illinois has been strong defensively, and the cupboard is very well stocked there, even with the loss of Butkus Award-winning inside linebacker Dana Howard and his tackling mate John Holecsek.

This year, pass-rushing senior outside linebacker Simeon Rice returns to lead the defense and make a bid for a multitude of postseason honors before finding out whether he can reach his goal (which many people think is attainable) of being the NFL's No. 1 draft pick. The people around Rice also are talented enough to once again make Illinois a formidable team on defense.

Officially, Illinois returns five starters on defense: Rice; Kevin Hardy, another senior

ILLINOIS AT A GLANCE

1994: 7-5 overall, 4-4/T5th
THE '90s: 32-26-1 overall, 1-3 bowls
LAST LEAGUE TITLE: 1990

COACH: Lou Tepper
At U of I: 18-17-1, 3 years
Overall: 18-17-1, 3 years

PLAYERS TO WATCH: OLB Kevin Hardy, QB Johnny Johnson, FS Antwoine Patton, OLB Simeon Rice, SS Tyrone Washington.

OVERVIEW: The Illini must start fast, facing one of the most difficult Septembers in college football, challenging Michigan, Oregon, Arizona and East Carolina — four 1994 bowl teams with a combined record of 32-17 last year.

KEVIN HARDY IS ANOTHER SENIOR OUTSIDE LINEBACKER WHO HAS "NFL" WRITTEN ALL OVER HIM.

PHOTO BY KEVIN REECE



ILLINI RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Ivan BENSON RB	6-2, 195	Jefferson City, MO	Jefferson City
USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ All-State ♦ As a senior, rushed for 1,180 yards and 22 touchdowns ♦ Averaged 8.4 yards per carry ♦ Had 62 tackles and three intercepted passes ♦ Two-way starter.			
Antonio BROWN OL	6-8, 293	Glen Carbon	Edwardsville
USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ All-State ♦ St. Louis Post-Dispatch All-District ♦ As a senior defensive tackle, had 52 tackles, six sacks and nine passes broken up ♦ Played offense for first time as a senior.			
Danny CLARK DB	6-3, 185	Country Club Hills	Hillcrest
All-State ♦ All-Conference as quarterback and linebacker ♦ As a senior, passed for 913 yards and five touchdowns, averaging 25.4 yards per completion ♦ Ran for 505 yards and seven scores, averaging 6.6 yards per carry.			
Rameel CONNOR LB	6-4, 230	Oak Park	Proviso West
SuperPrep All-American, rated No. 30 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 4 defensive lineman in Midwest ♦ Ranked No. 6 outside linebacker nationally by Tom Lemming ♦ As a senior, had 63 tackles, including 21 tackles for loss, 10 sacks and seven pass deflections ♦ Two-year starter on offense and defense.			
Michael DEAN WR	6-3, 167	Key West, FL	Key West
BlueChip All-American ♦ All-State ♦ District Player-of-the-Year ♦ As a senior, caught 33 passes for 355 yards and three touchdowns ♦ Averaged 10.3 yards per rushing attempt ♦ Member of basketball team.			
Mike FLAAR OL	6-5, 290	Montgomery	Oswego
USA Today All-American ♦ Rated No. 1 offensive guard nationally by Tom Lemming ♦ SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 29 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated Dream Team, rated No. 2 offensive lineman in Midwest ♦ All-State ♦ Top lineman on team with 4,200 total yards in 1994 ♦ Helped team to share of conference title.			
Antonio FRANCIS DB	6-2, 190	Glenwood	Bloom Township
BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 7 defensive back in Midwest ♦ All-Conference ♦ All-Area ♦ As a senior, had 32 solo tackles, 24 assists, one interception and one recovered fumble ♦ Scored three touchdowns, including one on kick return ♦ Team captain ♦ Three-year starter ♦ Member of track team ♦ Runs 4.4 in 40-yard dash.			
Joe GATTON TE	6-5, 245	Vandalia, OH	Vandalia-Butler
All-Conference ♦ All-City ♦ Two-year two-way starter ♦ As a senior, caught 22 passes for 500 yards and had 90 tackles ♦ Three-year basketball starter ♦ Student body president.			
Eric GUENTHER LB	6-3, 228	Thousand Oaks, CA	Westlake
Conference Player-of-the-Year ♦ Was in on 137 tackles as a senior ♦ Helped team to conference title.			
Mike GUSICH DB	6-1, 170	Cincinnati, OH	St. Xavier
All-Southwest Ohio ♦ All-City ♦ As a senior, had 94 tackles, one sack and three interceptions, including one returned for a score ♦ Helped team to region finals ♦ Member of baseball team ♦ Runs 4.46 in 40-yard dash ♦ Co-captain.			
Steve HAYARD RB	5-10, 195	Wheaton	Wheaton North
SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 26 player in Midwest ♦ USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ BlueChip Illustrated rated No. 5 running back in Midwest ♦ Conference Player-of-the-Year ♦ As a senior, rushed for 1,552 yards and scored 90 points in eight games ♦ Had 3,720 career rushing yards and scored 41 touchdowns.			
Elmer HICKMAN TB/LB	6-1, 212	Alton	Alton
All-State ♦ All-Conference ♦ All-Area ♦ As a senior, rushed for 1,091 yards in nine games ♦ Had 73 tackles ♦ Captain ♦ Sprinter on track team.			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Rob MAJOY WR	6-1, 175	Huron, OH	Huron
Two-time All-State ♦ All-Conference at quarterback and safety ♦ BlueChip Illustrated ranked No. 1 wide receiver in Midwest ♦ SuperPrep rated No. 13 player in Midwest ♦ Two-time All-State ♦ All-Conference at quarterback and safety ♦ As a senior, played quarterback due to injury			
Mike MCGEE TE	6-4, 240	Springfield	Sacred Heart-Griffin
USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ Ranked No. 14 player in Midwest by SuperPrep ♦ Detroit Free-Press Top 15 recruits in Midwest ♦ As a senior, caught 36 passes for 449 yards and two touchdowns ♦ Had 32 tackles for loss ♦ Two-way starter ♦ Long snapper ♦ Member of basketball and baseball teams.			
Carlos McLAURIN DB	5-11, 165	St. Louis, MO	Hazelwood East
Two-time All-Conference ♦ Helped team to conference championship ♦ As a senior, had five interceptions and was second on team in tackles ♦ Team captain ♦ Member of track team.			
Marvin McLEAN RB	6-1, 225	Hyattsville, MD	High Point
All-County as a junior ♦ Helped team to state playoffs as a senior ♦ Ran for 513 yards and six touchdowns in six games in 1994 ♦ As a junior, rushed for 1,063 yards and 14 scores.			
Antoine McNUTT OL	6-4, 340	Chicago	Vocational
USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ All-State ♦ All-Area ♦ Top lineman for team which averaged almost 275 yards rushing per game and scored 400 points last season ♦ Two-year starter ♦ Team captain.			
Chip NICASTRO OL	6-7, 255	Florissant, MO	Hazelwood Central
Parade All-American ♦ USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ No. 1 on St. Louis Post-Dispatch "10 Most Wanted" list ♦ All-Conference on offense and defense ♦ SuperPrep rated No. 37 player in Midwest ♦ As a senior, had 34 tackles and eight sacks ♦ Member of basketball team ♦ Honor roll student.			
Asim PLEAS DB	6-1, 172	Youngstown, OH	Cardinal Mooney
All-State ♦ All-Northeast Ohio ♦ As a senior, had four interceptions and averaged 18.2 yards per punt return ♦ As quarterback, threw for 744 yards and nine touchdowns and rushed for 443 yards and six scores.			
Oku SATCHER DL	6-3, 235	Joliet	Joliet Township
SuperPrep All-American, ranked No. 9 player in Midwest ♦ Rated No. 11 linebacker nationally by Tom Lemming ♦ National Recruiting Advisor All-American ♦ Ranked No. 3 linebacker in Midwest by BlueChip Illustrated ♦ As a senior, had 41 tackles for loss, including 23 sacks ♦ Member of basketball team.			
Manuel STRONG LB	6-4, 220	Grand Rapids, MI	Ottawa Hills
USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ All-State as a tight end ♦ Two-time All-League ♦ As a senior, caught 39 passes for 700 yards and two touchdowns ♦ Had 53 tackles and 13 sacks ♦ Averaged 14 points and 10 rebounds in basketball ♦ Sprinter on track team.			
Jeff WEISSE LB	6-3, 225	Aurora	Aurora West
USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ Rated No. 80 player in Midwest by SuperPrep ♦ BlueChip Illustrated ranked No. 13 linebacker in Midwest ♦ All-State ♦ As a senior, was in on 159 tackles, including nine sacks and 18 tackles for loss, and intercepted two passes ♦ Helped team to state playoffs.			
Lenny WILLIS WR	5-10, 170	Champaign	Centennial
All-State ♦ All-Conference on offense and defense ♦ Area Player-of-the-Year ♦ As a senior, rushed for 1,265 yards and 17 touchdowns ♦ Caught 10 passes for 160 yards ♦ Had 57 tackles and two interceptions ♦ Two-year starter ♦ Member of baseball team.			

'94 RESULTS

(7-5-0, 4-4-0)

9	Washington State	10
42	Missouri	0
34	Northern Illinois	10
16	Purdue	22
24	Ohio State	10
47	Iowa	7
14	Michigan	19
28	Northwestern	7
21	Minnesota	17
31	Penn State	35
13	Wisconsin	19
34	LIBERTY BOWL East Carolina	0

'94 STATS

PASSING						
NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
Johnson	303	180	2245	59.4	15	6
Weaver	61	35	458	57.4	4	2
RUSHING						
NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD	
Douthard	166	713	4.3	20	9	
Holcombe	113	474	4.2	36	4	
Platt	36	96	2.7	16	0	
RECEIVING						
NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD	
Dulick	49	520	10.6	46	5	
Dilger	41	547	13.3	36	5	
Strong	39	679	17.4	52	2	
Douthard	33	364	11.0	48	2	
DEFENSIVE LEADERS						
TACKLES: Howard 141; Holecsek 92; Washington 84; Patton 82; Hardy 69; Copher 54; Rice 52; Turner 45.						
INTERCEPTIONS: Crumpton 3; Howard 2; Turner 2.						
QB SACKS: Rice 16; Howard 3; Edwards 3; Marshall 2; Holecsek 1; Hardy 1; Copher 1; McPartlin 1.						
TACKLES FOR LOSS: Rice 19; Washington 10; Howard 9; Hardy 8; Edwards 8; Marshall 7; Holecsek 5; Johnson 5.						

'95 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	MICHIGAN
Sept. 9	at Oregon
Sept. 16	ARIZONA
Sept. 23	EAST CAROLINA
Oct. 7	at Indiana
Oct. 14	MICHIGAN STATE
Oct. 28	NORTHWESTERN
Nov. 4	at Iowa
Nov. 11	at Ohio State
Nov. 18	MINNESOTA
Nov. 25	at Wisconsin



THIS YEAR, PASS-RUSHING SENIOR OUTSIDE LINEBACKER SIMEON RICE, WHO HAS "NFL" WRITTEN ALL OVER HIM, RETURNS TO LEAD THE DEFENSE.

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outside linebacker who has "NFL" written all over him; two talented senior safeties, Antwoine Patton and Tyrone Washington; and junior nose guard Paul Marshall.

Unofficially, Illinois, which has been anointed the nation's best linebacking corps the last two seasons, goes much deeper on defense than that. Senior tackle Tim McCloud started as a sophomore. Mikki Johnson, another senior, lost his job to Marshall and a knee injury last

fall after receiving All-Big Ten honorable mention as a sophomore.

And sophomore tackle Cyron Brown, who received the most-improved defensive player award in spring practice, has come along big-time. At 6-5 and 245 pounds, he needs more muscle. But some think that with some quality time in the weight room, he could approach Rice-like proportions.

At inside linebacker, Illinois undoubtedly will miss the ferociousness and expe-

rience of Howard and Holecek. But it has capable replacements. Sophomore inside 'backer David James did an excellent job of stepping in when Holecek was injured for three games. And junior Dennis Stallings could be challenged for the other inside job by Melvin Roberts, who was a special-teams monster until felled by a knee injury early last season.

"This could be the best front seven I've ever played with," Rice said. "All seven guys can really run. It's the kind of group that doesn't come along often. The key is, a lot of the new guys have to get stronger. It's no secret that we have more athletic ability now than we did. But it's the desire behind the athletic ability that gets you over."

Offensively, Tepper also has done a solid job of bringing in promising offensive linemen. Two returnees — senior left tackle Ken Blackman and sophomore center Chris Koerwitz — are expected to be joined by three more sophomores — guards Brent Taylor and Matt Isenberg, and tackle Chris Brown. And unlike last year, when Illinois had no depth, it has a true second-string offensive line this season.

The big question still lies in the area of the offensive skill positions. Illinois was one of the few Big Ten teams that didn't have a standout workhorse running back last fall, and finished a distant 11th in conference rushing.

Nor has Tepper signed and developed the kind of quarterback or receiver that consistent winners consistently bring in. The days when White routinely brought in big-time quarterbacks such as Tony Eason and Jack Trudeau and receivers like David Williams seem very distant.

Illinois almost had a quarterback of large potential. Chris Redman, the *Parade* magazine Player of the Year from Louisville, Ky., went so far as to sign a letter-of-intent to attend Illinois last February.

But when Tepper fired offensive coordinator Greg Landry shortly after that, Redman asked to be let out of his commitment. And with the blessing of Tepper, the NCAA, in a rare decision, granted a release to Redman, who wound up at Oklahoma, with former Louisville coach Howard Schnellenberger.

The Landry affair was another test for Tepper, who has excellent credentials as a defensive coordinator but is still proving he can manage the difficult task of being tough enough to be a successful head coach while maintaining his integrity.

Coming in as Illinois' fourth offensive coordinator in five years is Paul Schudel, a

ILLINI SPRING ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
80	Conrad Adams	TE	Fr.	6-5	250	Little Rock, AR	91	Maurice Lawrence	DL	Jr.	6-4	250	Wilkinsburg, PA
96	Ola Allibologum	DL	Fr.	6-3	250	Chicago	84	Will Lepsi	DL	Jr.	6-1	236	LaGrange
52	Ryan Archibald	OL	Fr.	6-1	251	Barrington	81	Lashon Ludington	TE	Sr.	6-3	222	Schaumburg
57	Julio Argueta	LB	Jr.	5-10	198	Park Ridge	31	Duane Lyle	CB	Sr.	6-2	204	Flossmoor
73	Ken Blackman	OT	Sr.	6-6	297	Abilene, TX	53	J.P. Machado	LB	Fr.	6-4	225	Monmouth
65	Chris Brown	OL	So.	6-2	275	Kansas City, MO	40	Terence Marable	DB	Fr.	6-0	172	Crete
99	Cyron Brown	DL	So.	6-5	245	Chicago	93	Paul Marshall	DL	Jr.	6-3	254	Naperville
76	Jon Bruursema	OL	So.	6-4	285	Zeeland, MI	43	Brian McCabe	RB	Jr.	5-11	222	River Forest
44	Rodney Byrd	RB	Jr.	6-2	229	O'Fallon	95	Tim McCloud	DL	Sr.	6-1	265	Indianapolis, IN
98	Tom Claussen	DL	Jr.	6-2	250	Glen Ellyn	6	George McDonald	WR	Fr.	5-11	181	Buena Park, CA
82	John Conroy	WR	So.	6-2	187	Madison, WI	63	Chris McPartlin	DLB	Jr.	6-3	228	Glen Ellyn
25	Ryan Craig	DB	So.	6-0	197	St. Joseph	88	Ryan McPartlin	TE	So.	6-4	235	Glen Ellyn
86	Matt Cushing	TE	So.	6-4	245	Chicago	8	Ryan Moore	WR	So.	6-0	170	Mahomet
54	Brian Davis	LB	Sr.	6-1	212	Highland Park	58	William Morris	LB	Jr.	6-2	255	Chicago
87	Mark Day	TE	So.	6-4	250	Joliet Park	5	Marquis Mosely	WR	Jr.	6-0	179	Bloomington
7	Ty Douthard	RB	Jr.	6-1	206	Cincinnati, OH	56	Ryan Murphy	LB	Fr.	6-3	223	Cincinnati, OH
83	Jason Dulick	WR	Jr.	6-5	197	St. Louis, MO	8	Antwaine Patton	FS	Sr.	5-11	197	Chicago, IL
67	Charles Edwards	OL	Sr.	6-3	278	Chicago	15	Damien Platt	RB	Jr.	5-11	196	Mt. Clemens, MI
16	Shane Fisher	WR	Sr.	6-3	196	Morrison, CO	37	Marwan Powell	CB	Sr.	5-11	175	Chicago
59	Mike Fordham	DL	Sr.	6-2	260	Flint, MI	97	Simeon Rice	LB	Sr.	6-5	245	Chicago
36	Quentin Gilmore	RB	So.	5-5	173	Chicago	47	Melvin Roberts	LB	Sr.	6-0	232	Dolton
48	Jarrett Hansen	LB	Sr.	6-0	224	Tucson, AZ	68	Corey Ryan	OL	So.	6-5	270	Bettendorf, IA
23	Mike Hansen	WR	Fr.	6-1	202	Geneva	34	Bobby Sanders	RB	Sr.	5-10	208	Markham
51	Kevin Hardy	LB	Sr.	6-4	240	Evansville, IN	64	Aaron Schau	RLB	So.	6-4	224	Bloomington
12	Mark Hoekstra	QB	Fr.	6-3	203	Grand Rapids, MI	60	Ryan Schau	OL	Fr.	6-5	283	Bloomington
35	Robert Holcombe	RB	So.	5-11	187	Mesa, AZ	62	Tom Schau	OL	Fr.	6-4	265	Bloomington
55	Famous Hulbert	LB	Fr.	6-2	230	Bellwood	10	Bret Scheuplein	K/P	So.	6-1	205	Coral Springs, FL
74	Matt Isenberg	OL	So.	6-4	270	Florissant, MO	90	Jeff Schwartz	DL	Fr.	6-4	237	Elgin, MN
42	David James	LB	So.	6-0	230	East St. Louis	2	Wilbert Smith	RB	Fr.	5-7	182	Panorama, CA
66	Garrett Johnson	DL	Fr.	6-3	250	Belleville	46	Dennis Stallings	LB	Jr.	6-0	222	East St. Louis
13	Johnny Johnson	QB	Sr.	6-1	208	North Chicago	20	Trevor Starghill	CB	So.	5-8	170	Youngstown, OH
94	Mikki Johnson	DL	Sr.	6-2	265	Galesburg	70	Brent Taylor	OL	So.	6-3	305	Sikeston, MO
29	Martin Jones	WR	Jr.	6-0	176	Cincinnati, OH	79	Jim Van Vlymen	C	So.	6-2	285	Homewood
71	Predrag Jones	C	Sr.	6-2	285	Warrensburg, OH	4	Tyrone Washington	SS	Sr.	5-11	187	Robbins
14	Jeff Julkowski	QB	Fr.	6-1	188	Lockport	11	Scott Weaver	QB	Jr.	6-2	203	Beaver Falls, PA
17	Joe Kaiser	WR	Fr.	5-10	175	Jefferson City, MO	26	James Williams	CB	So.	6-0	188	Flossmoor
69	Chris Koerwitz	C	Jr.	6-2	296	Oshkosh, WI	19	Steve Willis	S	Fr.	5-10	198	St. Louis, MO
72	Jay Kuchenbecker	OL	Jr.	6-4	273	Elmhurst	3	Toriano Woods	FS	Jr.	6-2	189	Chicago
9	Brett Larsen	P/K	Sr.	5-10	204	South Holland							
73	Joe Lanzan	DL	Fr.	6-1	244	Appleton, WI							

Roster and depth chart subject to change.

OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
13	Johnny Johnson*	Senior
11	Scott Weaver	Junior
NUMBER	RUNNING BACK	YEAR
7	Ty Douthard*	Junior
35	Robert Holcombe*	Sophomore
NUMBER	RUNNING BACK	YEAR
44	Rodney Byrd	Junior
34	Bobby Sanders	Senior
NUMBER	FLANKER	YEAR
83	Jason Dulick*	Junior
29	Martin Jones	Junior
NUMBER	SPLIT END	YEAR
16	Shane Fisher	Senior
5	Marquis Mosely	Junior
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
86	Matt Cushing	Sophomore
87	Mark Day	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
73	Ken Blackman*	Senior
68	Corey Ryan	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
70	Brent Taylor	Sophomore
60	Ryan Schau	Freshman
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
69	Chris Koerwitz*	Junior
79	Jim Van Vlymen	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
74	Matt Isenberg	Sophomore
67	Charles Edwards	Senior
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
65	Chris Brown	Sophomore
72	Jay Kuchenbecker	Junior

*Returning Starter

— DEFENSE —

NUMBER	DEFENSIVE TACKLE	YEAR
95	Tim McCloud	Senior
94	Mikki Johnson	Senior
NUMBER	NOSE TACKLE	YEAR
93	Paul Marshall*	Junior
94	Mikki Johnson	Senior
NUMBER	DEFENSIVE TACKLE	YEAR
99	Cyron Brown	Sophomore
66	Garrett Johnson	Freshman
NUMBER	OUTSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
97	Simeon Rice*	Senior
56	Ryan Murphy	Freshman
NUMBER	INSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
42	David James	Sophomore
58	William Morris	Junior
NUMBER	INSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
46	Dennis Stallings	Junior
47	Melvin Roberts	Senior
NUMBER	OUTSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
51	Kevin Hardy*	Senior
55	Famous Hulbert	Freshman
NUMBER	LEFT CORNERBACK	YEAR
20	Trevor Starghill	Sophomore
37	Marwan Powell	Senior
NUMBER	RIGHT CORNERBACK	YEAR
31	Duane Lyle	Senior
26	James Williams	Sophomore
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
4	Tyrone Washington*	Senior
19	Steve Willis	Freshman
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
8	Antwaine Patton*	Senior
3	Toriano Woods	Junior

SPRING UPDATE

Illinois' new offensive coordinator, Paul Schudel, is trying to keep the transition to a new offensive philosophy smooth, particularly because Illinois' early schedule doesn't feature what you would call tuneup games.

"I don't think you can use that (transition) as an excuse," said Schudel, who left a successful 10-year run as Ball State's head coach to come to Illinois. "We'll keep things at a level where they can perform. I've been around long enough to know you have to be sensitive to what your players can do. If they do a few things well, that's better than doing a lot of things just average."

One plus for Schudel is that quarterbacks Johnny Johnson and Scott Weaver are experienced enough to help ease the changeover.

"I don't think we should have too much trouble making that transition," said Johnson, a fifth-year senior, who is heading into his third year as the starting quarterback. "We still have

a lot to learn, but I think it's easier for me because I've gotten my feet wet in different systems before. I've learned how to study."

◆ Johnson completed 14-of-18 passes for 189 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions as the Blue (starters) defeated the White (second-string) 23-0 in the spring game.

◆ Sophomore running back Robert Holcombe carried 20 times for 164 yards and one TD in the spring game. Head coach Lou Tepper was pleased that his offense ran the ball surprisingly well in the spring, but said that also raised concerns about Illinois' run defense, which has been among the nation's best.

◆ The pass defense, though, figures to be solid. "The potential is there for a front four that can really rush the passer," Tepper said.

◆ Simeon Rice has a school-record 33 career sacks and needs just three to become the Big Ten's all-time sack leader.

— Herb Gould

longtime Tepper friend who decided to leave the Ball State head coaching job after a successful 10-year run because it wasn't leading to a major-college head coaching job.

How well Schudel can fashion Illinois' offense with modest talent could go a long way toward determining whether Illinois advances or declines this fall.

Landry took a lot of heat for Illinois' offensive struggles in his first year in Champaign. But in his second season last fall, Illinois wound up second in Big Ten passing behind Penn State. And personnel, not Landry, seemed to account for Illinois' offensive shortcomings.

Probably the biggest plus Schudel has is emotional senior quarterback Johnny Johnson, who is going into his third year as a starter. Johnson, who has the grit to turn broken plays into big plays, overcame a tendency toward panicky mistakes and became one of the nation's best in passing efficiency, with a 137.6 rating.

Behind Johnson is junior Scott Weaver, who has started several games in his career, and is an alternative the Illinois staff hasn't hesitated to use in the past, especially when it wanted to get Johnson's attention.

The top returning running backs are junior Ty Douthard and sophomore Robert Holcombe. Douthard is a heart-and-soul player who isn't big enough or strong enough to be a dominant back, but is a clutch player who also is one of the team's leaders. Holcombe had a strong freshman year and a good spring, and figures to be Illinois' leading ballcarrier.

Another possibility is Mack Jacobs. A Prop 48 casualty as a freshman last fall, Jacobs was considered one of the nation's top running back prospects when he was a high-school standout in Evansville, Ind. But Illinois' imposing early schedule will make it difficult to ease him in.

The wide receivers figure to be a serviceable group led by 6-5 junior Jason Dulick and senior Shane Fisher. If junior Marquis Mosely comes back strong from a knee injury and sophomore George McDonald, a converted tailback, uses his speed well, Johnson ought to have competent targets. Sophomore Matt Cushing, who saw plenty of action last fall, steps in as the No. 1 tight end for Ken Dilger, a

second-round draft pick.

Talent, though, isn't the only explanation for Illinois' ups and downs. Besides continuing to recruit well, the Illini need to get past some other snags that have bogged them down under Tepper.

The arrival of the highly regarded Landry in Champaign two years ago after

strong season was anticipated.

But the offense sputtered in a 10-9 opening-game loss to Washington State. The fact that the game was played in Chicago, where it was designed to drum up slumbering alumni support, only added to the disappointment.

Later, the Illini came out flat and were surprised 22-16 by Purdue in their Big Ten home opener. Late in the season, they opened an early 21-0 lead on Penn State, but lost 35-31 when their vaunted defense wore down. The defense also came up short in a season-ending 19-13 loss at Wisconsin.

As a result, instead of finishing 7-4 or 8-3 and going to a bowl the program could celebrate, Illinois wound up 6-5. A 30-0 rout of East Carolina in the ho-hum Liberty Bowl only served as a reminder that the Illini could have done more, as did this painful statistic: Illinois' five losses came by a total of 22 points.

Good programs find ways to win. And that, along with recruiting, is an area where the hard-working Tepper needs to find ways to be successful if he — and Illinois — are going to step up and become one of the Big Ten's Big Boys.

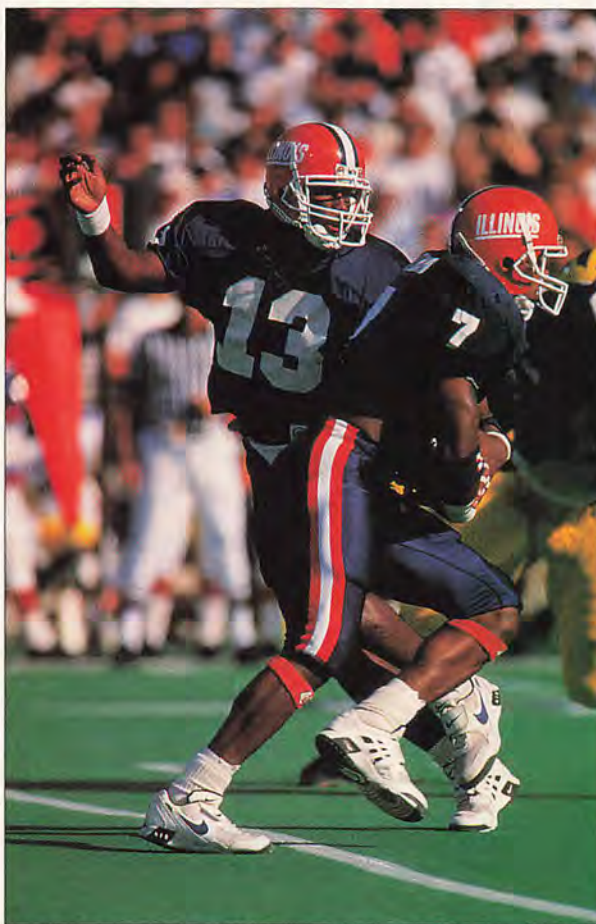
This year's schedule isn't as favorable as last year. Not only must Illinois open against Michigan, but Oregon, Arizona and East Carolina make for a perilous trio of non-conference games. On the other hand, if Illinois can emerge from its first three games (UM, Oregon, Arizona) with its chin up, it could be poised for a good year. The Illini don't have Penn State on their schedule. That leaves the likely keys to the Illinois

campaign as November trips to Ohio State — a team it has beaten six of the last seven years — and Wisconsin, which also could be a bit of a mystery squad.

If they are successful in those first three games, building confidence and momentum, they could forge a breakthrough season en route to building a stronger program. A 2-1 start would be very encouraging, and even if they begin 1-2, they still could be a very good team in position for a very good season.

Less than that, though, and people probably will still be wondering why Illinois doesn't win more.

— Herb Gould



PROBABLY THE BIGGEST PLUS OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR PAUL SCHUDEL HAS IS EMOTIONAL SENIOR QUARTERBACK JOHNNY JOHNSON, WHO IS GOING INTO HIS THIRD YEAR AS A STARTER.

PHOTO BY TOMASSO DEROSA

losing his job as the Chicago Bears' offensive coordinator provides a good example.

Although some fans were quick to criticize him, Landry is a gifted offensive coach. But his transition to working with college players, and having less time to work with them, was not smooth.

As a result, Illinois started 0-3 in 1993, scoring only 24 points in those three games. They went on to go 5-3 in Big Ten play, but their dismal non-conference showing kept them from going to a bowl game.

Last year, with all 11 starters back on a strong defense, a good nucleus returning on offense and a favorable schedule, a



Indiana

HOOSIERS

This John Doe Of A Tailback Runs Like A Deer

Alex Smith is the 21st Smith to play football at Indiana University. You're not likely to remember any of the others, and most of the country has shown little more than passing interest in Alex.

Few outside the Midwest know that Smith's 1,475 yards last season was the third highest by a freshman in NCAA history. The 6-0, 200-pound runner was the sixth-leading ground-gainer in the nation.

That's more than another Smith, Emmitt, gained as a freshman at Florida. Only Hershel Walker and Tony Dorsett outgained Alex.

Smith's production compares with the 1,805 rushing yards Indiana's Vaughn Dunbar had in 1991, two years after the Hoosiers' Anthony Thompson gained 1,793. In their cases, however, plaudits were common. Thompson was runner-up for the Heisman Trophy and Dunbar made first-team All-American.

Is Smith for real? Kentucky, Iowa and Purdue — teams that Alex punished with 200-yard games — believe that he is.

"He's got good vision, good moves and once he gets into the secondary he's got the speed to make plays happen," coach Bill Mallory said. "He's kind of a cross between Vaughn and Anthony. He's got similar speed to what Vaughn had and probably is similar in power to what Anthony had."

Smith was named Indiana's Mr. Football as a high school senior, when he gained 3,024 of his career total 6,905 yards. But his high school, Franklin County, was in one of the state's less-populated areas and Smith's credentials were a bit suspect.

Smith once gained 417 yards in a high school game.

"I probably had five 80-yarders," he said. "I had eight touchdowns and one got called back."

"I don't know that there were a lot of people pounding on his door," Mallory said. "People were saying he's a man among boys. There was a little bit of a

knock going on there."

Smith gained 564 yards in his first three college games, leading the country in rushing at that time. He had a 221-yard effort against Kentucky, and after being held to 87 over his next two games, erupted with a 43-carry, 232-yard performance against Iowa. He closed the season by gaining 245 yards against Purdue.

"The thing he does well is make his cut full speed. A lot of backs run hard and then they break down and try to make their cut. And when they break down they get hit," said Kent Grider, Smith's high school coach.

Purdue coach Jim Colletto says Smith is excellent at changing directions at the line of scrimmage.

"He's not timid. He doesn't dance around, or hop around. He goes right at it right now," Colletto said.

Smith had 43 carries in one game, but opponents might not be able to key on him this fall because the Hoosiers

should have one of the best passers in the Big Ten in Chris Dittoe. Although he took limited snaps the past two years, the 6-6 junior has shown exceptional promise.

Indiana's receiving corps was inexperienced in '94 after Thomas Lewis left school early and became the New York Giants' No. 1 pick. John Paci, an accomplished runner and fiery leader, had some fine passing games (22 of 39 against Minnesota, 17 of 25 against Purdue), but was inconsistent.

Late in the season, Dittoe received a chance to start and completed 20 of 35 passes against Ohio State. A week earlier he came off the bench to complete 21 of 35 for four touchdowns against Penn State.

Dittoe made his debut as a freshman at Ohio State when Paci was injured. Despite throwing only two prior college passes, he completed 16 of 30 in a 23-17 loss.

Despite limited experience, Dittoe's maturity has impressed his coaches.

"He's gotten himself stronger. He's a little better runner than he appears, or is given credit for," Mallory said. "I think his speed has gotten better, and if the pass isn't there he's not afraid to tuck it and run."

Indiana defensive back Eric Smedley noticed in the spring that "Chris' arm has gotten a lot stronger, and his reads are a whole lot better. Even when he doesn't look like he's throwing hard, his ball still has some power behind it."

Lewis' premature departure cost the Hoosiers their best game-breaker in years.

Lewis had 12 catches for 285 yards against Penn State, including a 99-yard score. He had a 75-yard catch in the Independence Bowl and a 58-yard punt return against Northwestern. Mallory had hoped Eric Matthews would be capable of big numbers, but the IU track star had only 11 catches.

Matthews returns, wiser and just as fast, but the Hoosiers lost a dependable receiver and tough blocker in Eddie Baety.

INDIANA AT A GLANCE

1994: 6-5 overall, 3-5/T8th
THE '90s: 32-24-2 overall, 1-2 bowls
LAST LEAGUE TITLE: 1967

COACH: Bill Mallory
At IU: 63-61-3, 11 years
Overall: 162-113-4, 25 years

PLAYERS TO WATCH: DE Nathan Davis, QB Chris Dittoe, C Jay Seib, FS Eric Smedley, RB Alex Smith.

OVERVIEW: Superfrosh Smith returns behind a mostly intact offensive line, which should enable the Hoosiers to run the ball well again. They need better balance, however, and the youthful defense will determine if this team gets to play beyond November.

ALEX SMITH'S 1,475 YARDS LAST SEASON WAS THE THIRD HIGHEST BY A FRESHMAN IN NCAA HISTORY.

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HOOSIERS RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Bryan BOBAY LB	6-2, 250	Ft. Wayne	Snider
SuperPrep All-American, rated No. 22 player in Midwest ♦ National Recruiting Advisor All-American ♦ Ranked No. 9 linebacker in Midwest by BlueChip Illustrated ♦ All-State ♦ As a senior, had 85 tackles, three sacks and one interception ♦ Ran for 1,377 yards and 17 touchdowns.			
Yeronimo CIRIACO DL	6-3, 260	Bronx, NY	John F. Kennedy
All-State ♦ All-City ♦ Defensive Most Valuable Player in New York City All-Star Game.			
Jason CZAP DE	6-3, 235	Indianapolis	Warren Central
All-State ♦ All-County ♦ As a senior, had 53 tackles and 15 sacks.			
Brad GECINA LB	6-2, 210	Columbus, OH	Crestview
All-State ♦ District Player-of-the-Year ♦ Two-time All-Conference ♦ As a senior, had 85 tackles and four interceptions ♦ As quarterback, accounted for over 1,600 yards and 22 touchdowns.			
Damian GREGORY OG/DL	6-3, 295	Lansing, MI	Sexton
All-Conference ♦ As a senior, had 79 tackles, 14 sacks, three fumble recoveries and two blocked kicks.			
Kenyon HARTFIELD TB	5-11, 210	Goshen	Goshen
All-Conference ♦ Honorable mention All-State ♦ As a senior, rushed for 1,012 yards and 13 touchdowns, and caught 10 passes for 95 yards ♦ Averaged 30.5 yards per kickoff return.			
Jeremy JOHNSON DT	6-7, 275	Newburgh, IN	Castle
Honorable mention All-State ♦ Helped team to state championship ♦ As a senior, had 31 solo tackles, 22 assists and four sacks.			
Eugene JONES RB	6-3, 235	Pine Bush, NY	Pine Bush
SuperPrep ranked No. 14 player in New York ♦ Rated No. 12 running back in Big East Region by BlueChip Illustrated ♦ All-State ♦ As a senior, ran for 1,128 yards and 15 touchdowns.			
James LAMAR LB	6-2, 220	Ypsilanti, MI	Ypsilanti
All-State ♦ As a senior, had 64 solo tackles, 36 assists, five sacks and two interceptions ♦ Rushed for over 600 yards.			
Chris MANN OG	6-2, 275	Louisville, KY	St. Xavier
Enrolled in January after playing last season at Naval Academy Prep ♦ Eligible for spring practice.			
Damion MATTHEWS WR	6-0, 175	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Dillard
As a senior, caught 22 passes for 625 yards ♦ Runs 10.8 in 100-meter dash ♦ Has long jumped 23.4 feet for track team.			
Randy MAXWELL TE	6-3, 235	Lawrenceburg	East Central
Enrolled in January after playing last season at Milford Academy ♦ Eligible for spring practice ♦ Prep All-State and All-Conference with 783 receiving yards during season.			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Michael McGRATH DB	6-0, 185	Downers Grove, IL	Downers Grove South
SuperPrep rated No. 70 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated No. 8 defensive back in Midwest ♦ All-State ♦ Three-time All-Conference.			
Chad MILLER DB	6-4, 265	Lima, OH	Lima
All-State ♦ All-Conference ♦ District Defensive Player-of-the-Year ♦ As a senior, had 18 tackles for loss and 11 sacks.			
Meenys MILLER DB	5-11, 190	Naples, FL	Barron G. Collier
All-Southwest Florida ♦ All-County ♦ As a senior, rushed for 987 yards and eight touchdowns and intercepted four passes ♦ Averaged 23 points per game for basketball team.			
Adewale OGUNLEYE DE	6-4, 230	Staten Island, NY	Tottenville
All-City.			
Robert PARRISH WR	6-2, 190	Indianapolis	Lawrence North
SuperPrep ranked No. 95 player in Midwest ♦ All-County ♦ Honorable mention All-State ♦ As a senior, had 106 tackles as linebacker, including 12 sacks ♦ Caught 21 passes and rushed for 780 yards.			
Al PHILLIPS LB	6-0, 225	Indianapolis	North Central
Ranked No. 62 player in Midwest by SuperPrep ♦ All-State ♦ All-City ♦ As a senior, had 127 tackles with 10 tackles for loss ♦ Had 312 career tackles.			
Craig ROBEEN OT	6-5, 260	Hardin, IL	Calhoun
All-State ♦ All-Conference ♦ All-Area ♦ As a senior, had 87 tackles and nine sacks.			
Jabar ROBINSON LB	6-2, 225	Ft. Wayne	Snider
SuperPrep ranked No. 54 player in Midwest ♦ Rated No. 11 linebacker in Midwest by BlueChip Illustrated ♦ All-State ♦ All-City ♦ As a senior, had 92 tackles and two interceptions.			
Jay RODGERS QB	6-1, 185	Austin, TX	Westlake
All-State ♦ District Most Valuable Player ♦ Led team to state title game ♦ Had 2,148 passing yards as a senior ♦ Threw for 2,244 yards as a junior ♦ Had 44 career scoring passes.			
Patrick SHAW DB	5-11, 180	Ft. Lauderdale	Dillard
All-Area ♦ Had four interceptions as a senior.			
Matt SNYDER C	6-2, 265	Hartland, WI	Arrowhead
Ranked No. 79 player in Midwest by SuperPrep ♦ As prep offensive tackle, helped team to consecutive state titles ♦ All-State.			
Kywin SUPERNOW DB	6-2, 202	Skiatook, OK	Skiatook
Enrolled in January after two years at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M ♦ In 1994, had 58 tackles, two interceptions and 12 passes broken up.			
Brad WEBER QB	6-1, 190	Auburn	DeKalb
All-State ♦ Finalist for Indiana "Mr. Football" ♦ As a senior, passed for 2,438 yards and 31 touchdowns ♦ Ranks sixth on Indiana all-time prep list with 6,353 career passing yards.			

'94 RESULTS

(6-5-0, 3-5-0)

28	Cincinnati	3
35	Miami	14
59	Kentucky	29
13	Wisconsin	62
25	Minnesota	14
27	Iowa	20
7	Northwestern	20
21	Michigan State	27
29	Penn State	35
17	Ohio State	32
33	Purdue	29

'94 STATS

PASSING						
NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
Paci	176	96	996	54.5	6	5
Dittoe	107	58	631	54.2	6	1
Greenlee	1	1	17	100.0	0	0
RUSHING						
NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD	
Smith	265	1475	5.6	66	10	
Chaney	49	330	6.7	50	1	
Law	39	219	5.6	20	3	
RECEIVING						
NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD	
Baety	45	559	12.4	30	4	
Stoner	29	409	14.1	56	4	
Smith	17	115	6.8	37	0	
DEFENSIVE LEADERS						
TACKLES: Thurman 93; Wilmot 83; Brown 67; Warnecke 56; Drake 51; Smedley 50; Terrell 44; Mucci 43.						
INTERCEPTIONS: Smedley 4; Allen 3; Brown 3; Thurman 2; Bryant 2.						
QB SACKS: Davis 3; Pinnock 2; Thurman 1; Wilmot 1.						
TACKLES FOR LOSS: Davis 9; Wilmot 8; Thurman 7; Hammerstein 6; Pinnock 5; Rasheed 3; Kaylor 3; Drake 1.						

'95 SCHEDULE

Sept. 9	WESTERN MICHIGAN
Sept. 16	KENTUCKY
Sept. 23	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
Sept. 30	at Northwestern
Oct. 7	ILLINOIS
Oct. 14	at Iowa
Oct. 21	MICHIGAN
Oct. 28	at Penn State
Nov. 11	MICHIGAN STATE
Nov. 18	at Ohio State
Nov. 24	PURDUE



DESPITE LIMITED EXPERIENCE, CHRIS DITTOE'S MATURITY HAS IMPRESSED HIS COACHES.

PHOTO BY STEVE BEYER

Baety's 45 catches led the team, with Ajamu Stoner next best with 29.

A junior now, Stoner will work with Matthews, Brian Bruner and Dorian Wilkerson. Jean Paul, who walked on to Bob Knight's basketball team in midseason, will get a good look at wide receiver.

Wilkerson's Hail Mary catch of a 40-yard pass from Dittoe may have cost

Penn State the national championship. The Nittany Lions had a 35-14 lead with 6:22 to play, but won only 35-29.

"Ajamu made a lot of headway. Bruner has come of age and should step to the forefront, and I'm expecting Matthews to have a much better season. This should be a better receiving corps," Mallory said.

The Hoosiers' running game took a hit when tailback Michael Batts injured his knee in the opening game and underwent surgery. He'll return, but Jermaine Chaney and Brett Law are gone, which leaves senior Sean Glover available at either tailback or fullback.

Led by center Jay Seib, Indiana retains most of its offensive line. Tom Lukawski is set at one guard and Michael Mihelic will contend at the other. Clay Williams and Chris Liwienski give stability at the tackle positions, where Chris Smith departed.

Seib also has played guard, and in the event of injuries could wind up there because Chris Lee has looked impressive at center. "We got a good feel for Lee against our top offense all spring, and he finished the Purdue game after Seib got hurt and did a nice job for us," offensive coordinator George Belu said.

"Andrew Greene was a darn fine offensive lineman for us, so he leaves a void," Mallory said of the Miami Dolphins' second-round draft pick. "There were things we could do with him because he was so dominant."

The switch of sophomore Bo Barzilauskas from defensive tackle to offensive guard could be a terrific shot in the arm for an already good-looking offense.

A first-team high school All-American, the son of former NFL player Carl Barzilauskas was taken off the redshirt list five games into the 1994 season but wasn't as dominant on that side of the line as his coaches believe he will be on offense.

"We really feel we need him on offense, and when you look at him you envision a big offensive lineman," defensive tackle coach Steve Stripling said. "He's 6-5, pushing 290, and he looks like an offensive lineman."

Barzilauskas had been solid, if unspectacular, on defense.

"I think he'd be a very good defensive tackle in the Big Ten, but he might be a great offensive lineman," Stripling said. "We wanted to be fair to him and the program at the same time."

Citing Seib, Dittoe and Smith, Mallory said he believes strength "down the middle" is vital to a good offense. In addition, junior fullback Steve Lee may be ready to emerge as more than a blocker who made only eight carries in '94.

"He's starting to get better ball skills. He started coming on the latter part of the season and is getting more of a feel for the position," Mallory said. "I think you're going to see that kid surface and give us a good running back. He's about

HOOSIERS SPRING ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
27	Eric Allen	CB	Jr.	6-1	194	Indianapolis	85	Ben Klusmeyer	TE	So.	6-5	241	Anderson
76	Victor Allotey	DT	So.	6-4	292	Brooklyn, NY	54	Chris Lee	C	So.	6-4	257	Anniston, AL
73	Craig Atkins	T	Jr.	6-4	289	Hammond	37	Steve Lee	FB	Jr.	6-1	255	Indianapolis
45	Jamie Baisley	LB	Jr.	6-2	235	Glencoe, IL	74	Chris Liwinski	T	So.	6-6	290	Sterling Heights, MI
79	Khalifani Banks	T	So.	6-5	315	Naperville, IL	60	Tom Lukowski	G	Jr.	6-2	282	East Chicago
77	Bo Barzilauskas	DG	So.	6-5	282	Nashville	61	Chris Mann	G	Fr.	6-2	242	Clarksville
69	George Batalis	G	Jr.	6-2	270	Noblesville	90	Bill Manolopoulos	K	Jr.	5-10	160	Hobart
44	Michael Batts	TB	Jr.	5-10	187	Seymour	3	Eric Matthews	FLK	Sr.	6-0	175	Boynton Beach, FL
30	Mike Belu	LB	Fr.	6-2	200	Greensboro, NC	84	Randy Maxwell	TE	Fr.	6-3	232	Lawrenceburg
18	Michael Berry	TB	So.	5-9	177	Angola	40	Jason May	CB	So.	6-1	189	Indianapolis
82	Brad Bostic	TE	So.	6-3	216	Omaha, NE	15	Matt McDonald	SS	So.	6-1	189	Olivette, MO
7	Brian Bruner	SE	So.	6-3	198	Indianapolis	59	Michael Mihelic	G	Jr.	6-5	291	Brampton, Ontario
38	Reggie Bryant	LB	Jr.	6-2	222	Elkhart	39	Corbin Morwick	LB	So.	5-9	210	New Palestine
48	Ben Cole	FB	So.	6-0	223	Fishers	39	Kris Mucci	CB	Sr.	5-11	183	Hendersonville, NC
29	Brian Coleman	FS	Fr.	6-0	187	Neptune, NJ	94	Roger Murray	DE	Sr.	6-0	252	Evansville
98	Nathan Davis	DE	Jr.	6-5	265	Richmond	35	Lane Oxley	LB	Sr.	5-9	190	Stendal
50	Saute Dean	LB	Sr.	6-2	211	Staten Island, NY	68	Hal Parks	DE	Fr.	6-4	254	Indianapolis
14	Chris Dittoe	QB	Jr.	6-6	225	Ft. Wayne	4	Jean Paul	WR	Fr.	6-2	175	Naples, FL
31	Joey Eloms	CB	So.	5-11	182	Ft. Wayne	43	Jon Pilch	LB	Sr.	6-2	194	Myersville, MD
40	Chris Gall	FB	Fr.	6-2	230	River Forest, IL	95	Louis Pinnock	DE	Sr.	6-1	250	Hartford, CT
53	Kevin Glaser	LB	So.	6-1	221	Cincinnati, OH	34	Paul Prather	SS	Fr.	6-0	187	Martinsville
33	Sean Glover	TB/FS	Sr.	5-11	205	St. Matthews, SC	91	Nathan Rabideau	FS	Jr.	5-11	189	Lansing, MI
21	Craig Goode	SS	So.	6-1	190	Chesterfield, MO	46	Michael Radford	LB	Jr.	5-11	200	Indianapolis
92	Curt Goode	TE	Fr.	6-7	239	Chesterfield, MO	97	Eli Rasheed	DT	Sr.	6-4	278	Indianapolis
6	Adam Greenlee	QB	Sr.	6-1	195	Columbus	12	Mike Rudolph	LB	Jr.	6-2	220	Arlington Heights, IL
63	John Hammerstein	DT	Sr.	6-3	249	Wapakoneta, OH	52	Jay Seib	C	Jr.	6-6	285	Richland
83	Tate Harbottle	LB	Sr.	6-2	220	Crawfordsville	56	Brady Shields	DE	Fr.	6-3	236	Bloomington
70	Albert Haywood	G	So.	6-2	301	Chicago, IL	18	Eric Smedley	FS	Sr.	5-11	195	Charleston, WV
28	Will Horn	WR/K	Sr.	5-11	180	Columbus	23	Alex Smith	TB	Fr.	6-0	202	Guilford
42	Dan Irish	FB	So.	6-1	241	Carmel	16	Ajamu Stoner	SE	Jr.	6-0	187	Louisville, KY
36	Michael Irving	P	Fr.	6-3	201	Staten Island, NY	20	Kywin Supernaw	LB	Jr.	5-11	200	Skateok, OK
45	Pete Isom	H	Sr.	6-0	165	Mitchell	47	Matt Surface	LB	Jr.	6-2	217	Marion
62	Greg Jenkins	T	Fr.	6-7	281	Goshen, OH	95	Alan Sukowski	P	So.	6-1	178	Griffith
67	Bernard Jones	DT	So.	6-3	252	Kankakee, IL	89	Darin Ward	TE	Jr.	6-1	215	Boonville
7	Trent Jones	CB	Jr.	5-10	183	Terre Haute	9	Jermaine Ware	TB	Jr.	6-0	202	Bloomington, IL
99	Jason Kaylor	DT	Sr.	6-2	260	Stow, OH	17	Aaron Warnecke	SS	So.	6-1	192	Fairland
10	Rich Kearney	WR	Sr.	5-8	158	DeKalb, IL	8	Dorian Wilkerson	FLK	So.	6-1	190	Lauderdale Lakes, FL
19	Jeff Kim	QB	Fr.	6-6	220	Kentwood, MI	87	Aaron Williams	DE	Fr.	6-5	257	Brampton, Ontario
5	Joe King	CB	So.	6-0	174	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	78	Clay Williams	T	Sr.	6-6	289	Tabasco, OH
80	Deron Kintner	TE	Fr.	6-3	239	North Vernon							

Roster and depth chart subject to change.

OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
14	Chris Dittoe	Junior
6	Adam Greenlee	Senior
NUMBER	FULLBACK	YEAR
37	Steve Lee*	Junior
42	Dan Irish	Sophomore
NUMBER	TAILBACK	YEAR
23	Alex Smith*	Freshman
33	Sean Glover	Senior
NUMBER	FLANKER	YEAR
3	Eric Matthews*	Senior
8	Dorian Wilkerson	Sophomore
NUMBER	SPLIT END	YEAR
16	Ajamu Stoner	Junior
7	Brian Bruner	Sophomore
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
85	Ben Klusmeyer	Sophomore
89	Darin Ward	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
74	Chris Liwinski	Sophomore
62	Greg Jenkins	Freshman
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
60	Tom Lukowski*	Junior
70	Albert Haywood	Sophomore
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
52	Jay Seib*	Junior
54	Chris Lee	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
59	Michael Mihelic	Junior
77	Bo Barzilauskas	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
78	Clay Williams*	Senior
79	Khalifani Banks	Sophomore

*Returning Starter

— DEFENSE —

NUMBER	LEFT END	YEAR
95	Louis Pinnock*	Senior
68	Hal Parks	Freshman
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
63	John Hammerstein*	Senior
99	Jason Kaylor	Senior
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
97	Eli Rasheed	Senior
76	Victor Allotey	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT END	YEAR
98	Nathan Davis*	Junior
56	Brady Shields	Freshman
NUMBER	STRONG LINEBACKER	YEAR
47	Matt Surface	Junior
38	Reggie Bryant	Junior
NUMBER	MIDDLE LINEBACKER	YEAR
45	Jamie Baisley	Junior
50	Saute Dean	Senior
NUMBER	WEAK LINEBACKER	YEAR
43	Jon Pilch	Senior
20	Kywin Supernaw	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT CORNERBACK	YEAR
27	Eric Allen	Junior
5	Joe King	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT CORNERBACK	YEAR
31	Joey Eloms	Sophomore
39	Kris Mucci*	Senior
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
17	Aaron Warnecke*	Sophomore
21	Craig Goode	Sophomore
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
18	Eric Smedley*	Senior
29	Brian Coleman	Freshman

SPRING UPDATE

Indiana's Cream and Crimson game offered evidence that the Hoosiers' two top backs, quarterback Chris Dittoe and tailback Alex Smith, have adequate backups.

While Dittoe was being sacked five times for the Cream team, understudy Adam Greenlee ran for one score and threw for another in addition to completing a 78-yard pass to tailback Sean Glover and a 68-yard throw to Brian Bruner.

"Ever since I've gotten here he's thrown the ball real well, real accurately and real quick. He's a good scrambler and he's tough back there," Dittoe said of Greenlee, who has thrown only one college pass in three years as a backup.

Glover has spent four seasons shifting between tailback and fullback, but his 102 yards in receptions and 53 yards rushing in the spring game left him entrenched behind Smith at tailback.

"He probably has the best hands on the team," Greenlee said. "If they're going to blitz, he's the only guy in the Big Ten I want in the backfield because he picks it up better than anybody."

◆ The mid-spring switch of former high school All-American Bo Barzilauskas from defensive tackle to offensive guard was snagged the next day when it was learned a knee injury had put the sophomore out for the spring. He has yet to play a snap on offense, but appears to fit the role.

◆ Mallory lamented the Hoosiers' inability to recruit tight ends in recent years, calling it, "just a horsecrap job of recruiting. We didn't come up with anybody." Tight end-sized athletes, are often playing basketball instead of football, he noted. Former tackle Tom McKinnon and red-shirt freshman Ben Klusmeyer shared time at the position in '94, and his improvement was a major plus in the spring.

◆ Indiana may possibly alternate punters with Will Horn from inside the 50 and either Michael Irving or Alan Sukowski from longer distances. The Hoosiers used a similar plan two years ago with Jim DiGiulio, an All-Big Ten kicker, and Shannon Rutledge.

— Stan Sutton

250 and, boy, he's a man. He's only got about 12 percent body fat and his speed's getting better."

Indiana was caught short at tight end last season and had to move veteran tackle Tom McKinnon to the position. An established blocker, McKinnon caught but one pass and was spelled by redshirt freshman Ben Klusmeyer. Despite only eight receptions, Klusmeyer showed good hands and should be more of a threat. He'll be backed up by former fullback Darin Ward.

"Ben's been a good, solid tight end. He's made nice improvement," Belu said. "He knew he had to get stronger and he's about 242 right now, so he's gotten bigger and stronger than he was last year."

An injury to Dittoe could be devastating because his backup, senior Adam Greenlee, has thrown only one college pass. Indiana's quarterback of the future probably is redshirt freshman Jeff Kirn.

The Hoosiers must find a replacement for punter Jim DiGiulio, who was All-Big Ten as a sophomore and junior, but they keep placekicker Bill Manolopoulos. All-Big Ten as a freshman, Manolopoulos' form fell off some as a sophomore when he made 6 of 11 field-goal attempts and 32 of 35 extra points.

Indiana coaches say the move of Eric Smedley from cornerback to free safety will help to improve a secondary that was suspect last season. Mike Dumas made the same switch in 1990 and went on to become a first-round draft pick.

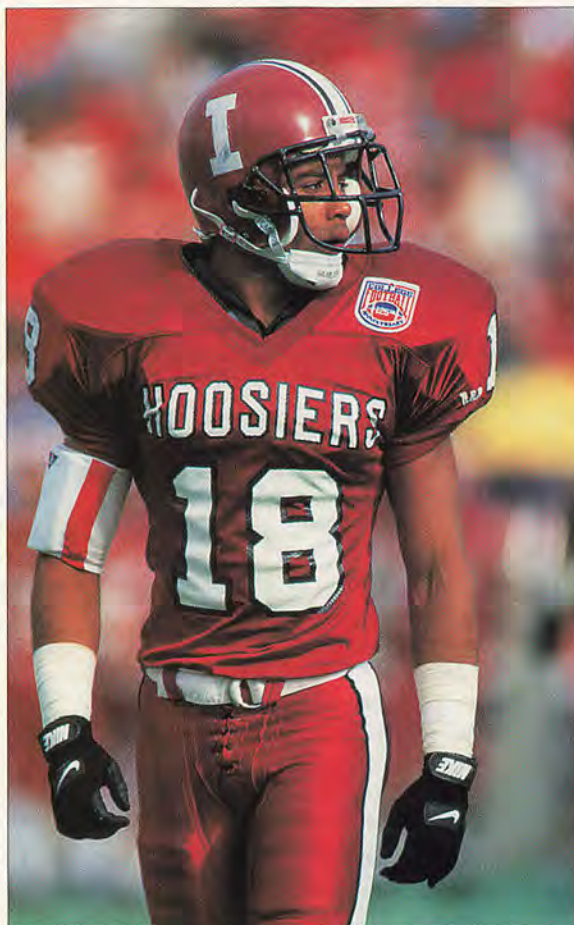
"We support (the run) quite a bit inside with our strong and free safeties, and it's nice to have a good heady kid in the middle who's been around," Mallory said of Smedley, whose four interceptions led the team.

Indiana's secondary was so inexperienced in 1994 that Mallory was reluctant to blitz, but now he speaks of the unit as a strong point. Junior College transfer Kywin Supernaw was locked in a battle with returning strong safety Aaron Warnecke during spring drills. Starter Kris Mucci was pressed hard by Joey Eloms, who showed great potential last year as a freshman.

"We're seeing a much improved secondary. These kids are alive back there. They'll hit you. Last year we had to play simple and not put those kids in bad positions. Now it's a whole different situation.

We're back to our blitz packages that were good for us two years ago," Mallory said.

Indiana lost only tackle Troy Drake from its offensive line, keeping tackle John Hammerstein and ends Nathan Davis and Louis Pinnock. Hammerstein, whose brothers Mike and Mark were standouts at Michigan, is quick, but a bit



INDIANA COACHES SAY THE MOVE OF ERIC SMEDLEY FROM CORNERBACK TO FREE SAFETY WILL HELP TO IMPROVE A SECONDARY THAT WAS SUSPECT LAST SEASON.

PHOTO BY STEVE BEYER

light at 250 pounds. Senior Eli Rasheed, at 280, is a strong defender against the run; senior Jason Kaylor, and sophomores Victor Allotey and Benyard Jones will provide the backups.

"Rasheed has been very pleasing," Belu said. "Over the years he has shown talent, but not consistency. And he's had a history of nagging injuries. Hopefully, he's to the point where he can play through the injuries."

The 250-pound Pinnock, a senior, was the starting fullback in 1992 while being used mostly as a blocker. He and Davis, a junior who as a high schooler won the national indoor shot put champi-

onship, are expected to pick up the pass rush this season.

Indiana recorded only 10 sacks in 1994 and only five of those were by Davis and Pinnock. The Hoosiers made 36 sacks in '93, when ends Lamar Mills and Bernard Whittington were one of the Big Ten's best tandems.

"Davis could be one of the best defensive ends in this league if he puts his mind to it," Mallory said. "The pass rush will be key, and I think we'll be in a lot better position because we can man up on you and blitz. We were so gosh darn young in the secondary last year that all we wanted to do was get them in the right position and let them play zone coverage."

Indiana's trouble spot could be at linebacker, where three starters must be replaced. Alfonzo Thurman, who led the team in tackles, leaves an especially large void. Jamie Baisley is expected to replace Thurman, while others battle for playing time elsewhere. Also, former defensive end Tate Harbottle, whose blocked punt started a 59-29 rout of Kentucky, has been moved to linebacker.

"Our linebackers are not as physical as I would like to see," Mallory said.

A freak injury to Baisley two days before spring drills further weakened the linebacking corps, although the 230-pound junior returned during the spring sessions.

Baisley reportedly was lying on his back watching television and made a quick turn to get up when his toe caught under the rug. In a quick attempt to free himself, Baisley severely broke the toe. The bone penetrated the skin, but with the help of a steel shoe brace, Baisley was able to make several practices.

The injury gave coaches a chance to look at Reggie Bryant, an outside linebacker and former defensive back, in the middle.

The Hoosiers play seven games at home, including a rare night opener Sept. 9 against Western Michigan. Indiana tried a night game two years ago but drew only 30,327 on a Labor Day weekend. With attendance sagging in recent years, the school decided to try another night outing.

The Hoosiers will close against Old Oaken Bucket rival Purdue on Friday, Nov. 24, in Memorial Stadium.

— Stan Sutton



Purdue

BOILERMAKERS

Colletto Turns Attention To Bolstering Defense

There's a football axiom in the Big Ten Conference, proven to be true over the years, that you win championships with the running game and defense. When Jim Colletto took over as Purdue's coach five years ago, the Boilermakers were last in the nation in rushing.

The yardstick used to measure running backs has long been the 1,000-yard season. Heck, back then, Purdue wasn't rushing for 1,000 yards as a team.

But that problem has been solved, as evidenced by last season's 2,583 yards on the ground. The Boilermakers' average of 234.8 yards rushing a game was third in the Big Ten and 12th in the nation.

Now for the bad news: While Purdue's offense averaged 404 yards and 30 points a game, the defense was allowing 471 yards and 31 points a game.

The other half of that running game-defense axiom now needs fixing: The Boilermaker defense is in desperate need of repair.

Purdue got off to a 4-1 start in 1994, but then the Boilermakers' defensive weaknesses became obvious and opponents cashed in on them.

The result? The 10th consecutive losing season for the Boilermakers. They went 0-4-2 in their last six games and finished 4-5-2.

"We allowed too many big plays, pass and run," Colletto said, alluding to opponents' incredible 60 plays of 20 yards or longer. No wonder Purdue wound up 105th of 107 Division I-A defenses.

"Some kids were not ready to play at this level that early, but unfortunately got put into that situation. Obviously, we have to improve in tackling. We gave up a tremendous amount of yards on missed tackles."

The upside of having to play so many young players last year is that most of the defense, nine starters, return this season.

Jayme Washel, senior defensive tackle, believes being more familiar with the 4-3 defensive alignment, installed last

season by Bob Morris in his first year as defensive coordinator, will help.

And the memories of last year's embarrassments will serve as a motivating factor.

"It's a big-time motivating factor," Washel said. "I know a lot of the guys have the same mentality as me. I sure didn't like being 105th in the nation. That's total B.S."

"This defense was new and we were really young. I've been through three different defenses since I've been here. Now we're coming back to the same defense. We've been playing it for a year now, we're more experienced and a lot more comfortable. I see a lot of the same faces in the huddle that I did last year, so we have more experience, something we haven't had since I've been here."

Washel and his teammates up front will try to improve the pressure on opposing quarterbacks, to give a young and inexperienced secondary hopes of not getting burned deep as much in '95.

The Boilermakers sacked only 14

quarterbacks two years ago and improved that just a tad to 19 a year ago.

"I think Jon Krick is as good as there is in this league," Colletto said of the junior tackle who plays next to Washel. "And Jayme is playing as good as he's played. We need to get a better pass rush out of the defensive ends. I think we'll be able to blitz a little bit better than we have."

Purdue didn't blitz much in '94 because the inexperienced secondary had trouble playing man-to-man.

The secondary started last season behind the eight ball when two starters were lost for the season during preseason camp because of academic ineligibility. It never recovered.

Joe Hagins was moved from outside linebacker to free safety, Reggie Johnson had to play strong safety as a redshirt freshman and Derrick Brown started at cornerback as a true freshman.

The hope is that the baptism under fire in '94 will benefit Brown and Johnson in '95, although Johnson missed spring practice recovering from knee surgery.

Sophomore Lee Brush, who started the final four games, is the likely starter at free safety, with promising junior college transfer Derrick Winston the other cornerback, although he was slowed in the spring with a sprained knee.

Colletto also is very high on redshirt freshman Willie Burroughs.

"I think we've got a little more competitiveness back there, a little more confidence," Colletto said. "I think they have a better understanding of what they're supposed to do. I think our tackling has improved." While Colletto claims he's not worried, the linebacking position has evolved from one of potential strength to a concern.

Senior outside linebacker Aaron Hall,

NOT EVEN A RECORD-SETTING SEASON BY MIKE ALSTOTT WILL PRODUCE THAT FIRST WINNING SEASON SINCE 1984 IF THE DEFENSE DOESN'T IMPROVE DRAMATICALLY.

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PURDUE AT A GLANCE

1994: 4-5-2 overall, 2-4-2/T8th
THE '90s: 15-38-2 overall, 0-0 bowls
LAST LEAGUE TITLE: 1967

COACH: Jim Colletto
At Purdue: 13-29-2, 4 years
Overall: 30-67-3, 9 years

PLAYERS TO WATCH: RB Mike Alstott, LB Aaron Hall, OLB Joe Hagins, C Chris Sedoris, RB Rick Tretzger.

OVERVIEW: After their best season since 1985, the Boilermakers are now intent on pushing that 4-5-2 mark beyond the .500 barrier, which would mean a bowl game. A 12th game would mean the defense improved greatly from 1994.



BOILERMAKERS RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Adrian BEASLEY DB	5-11, 185	Atlanta, GA	Douglass
All-City ♦ As a senior, had 47 solo tackles, 39 assists, four interceptions and three blocked kicks.			
Mark BIGONGER OT	6-5, 295	Yorba Linda, CA	Fullerton College
SuperPrep ranked No. 84 junior college player nationally ♦ Honorable mention All-American by JC Gridwire ♦ Two-time All-Conference.			
Eric BLAKE OL/TE	6-6, 245	Louisville, KY	Ballard
SuperPrep ranked No. 55 player in Dixie ♦ Second team All-State ♦ All-District as a junior ♦ Will be redshirted in 1995 due to shoulder injury.			
David COHEN DT	6-5, 280	Ballwin, MO	Lafayette
All-Metro St. Louis on offense and defense ♦ As a senior, had 50 solo tackles and four sacks ♦ Fifth in discus at state track championships as a junior.			
Rosevelt COLVIN LB	6-3, 215	Indianapolis	Broad Ripple
SuperPrep ranked No. 74 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated ranked No. 8 linebacker in Midwest ♦ Indianapolis News Defensive Player-of-the-Year ♦ All-State ♦ All-Metro ♦ As a senior, had 126 solo tackles, 93 assists, four interceptions, four sacks and three caused fumbles ♦ Had 21 catches for 440 yards and three touchdowns ♦ Member of basketball team ♦ President of senior class.			
Chris DANIELS WR	6-3, 185	Clearwater, FL	Clearwater
Tampa Tribune Best of the Bay Top 15 ♦ All-County ♦ Team Most Valuable Player ♦ As a senior, caught 26 passes for 496 yards and seven touchdowns ♦ Had 63 tackles, three interceptions and two recovered fumbles ♦ Starting guard on basketball team.			
Willie FELLS LB	6-1, 200	Palatka, FL	Palatka
All-State ♦ District Player-of-the-Year ♦ All-Conference ♦ As a senior, had 96 solo tackles, 74 assists and three blocked kicks ♦ Had 304 career tackles ♦ Three-year starter ♦ Finished second at AAU Nationals in wrestling in 1994.			
Wayne FINCHUM OL	6-4, 270	Lynchburg, TN	Moore County
Mr. Football Award winner as top lineman in Tennessee ♦ SuperPrep rated No. 82 player in Dixie ♦ BlueChip Illustrated honorable mention All-Southeast Region ♦ Two-year All-State ♦ Two-time conference Most Valuable Lineman ♦ Four-year letterman ♦ Team captain ♦ Region weightlifting award winner.			
Wayne FRANCIS DB	6-1, 210	Palatka, FL	Garden City College
Signed with Florida State as prep senior in 1993, but attended junior college ♦ Had high school record 279 career tackles ♦ Jacksonville Times Union ranked No. 2 prep lineman in Florida ♦ Has three years eligibility.			
Mike HARTNAGEL LB	6-3, 220	Dunkirk	Muncie Delta
Foot injury during first 1994 game required surgery ♦ Recovered in time to play in two state playoff games ♦ All-State as a junior, registering 90 tackles, six sacks and two interceptions ♦ Team captain.			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Mike HAWTHORNE DB	6-3, 185	Sarasota, FL	Booker
All-District ♦ All-Area ♦ As a senior, had 63 tackles, six interceptions and nine passes broken up ♦ Caught 13 passes for 242 yards and five touchdowns.			
Noble JONES LB	6-2, 225	Atlanta, GA	Douglass
All-City ♦ As a senior, had 41 solo tackles, 26 assists, three recovered fumbles and two caused ♦ Team captain ♦ National Honor Society.			
Chad MANNING OT	6-5, 295	Bakersfield, CA	Bakersfield College
JC Gridwire honorable mention All-American ♦ All-Conference ♦ Helped juco team to 10-1 record and No. 5 ranking nationally.			
Dave MEYER OL	6-5, 260	Belleville, IL	Althoff Catholic
SuperPrep ranked No. 110 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated All-Midwest ♦ Two-Time All-City and All-Area ♦ Honorable mention All-State ♦ 1994 Scholar Athlete Award winner.			
Jim NIEDRACH OL/DL	6-3, 260	LaGrange, GA	LaGrange
SuperPrep rated No. 71 player in Dixie ♦ All-State ♦ Two-time All-West Georgia ♦ Three-year starter ♦ Two-way starter as a senior ♦ Had 50 solo tackles and 43 assists last season ♦ Team captain and Most Valuable Player.			
Chijioke NWOKORIE DL	6-3, 240	Lafayette	Jefferson
All-State ♦ All-Conference ♦ Region Defensive Most Valuable Player ♦ As a senior, had 78 tackles, three sacks and one fumble recovery for a score ♦ Handled kickoff and punting duties ♦ Member of wrestling team.			
Fred ROHLMAN OL	6-3, 290	Indianapolis	Decatur Central
All-State ♦ Bloomington Herald-Times Top 33 ♦ All-Metro.			
Nick SWEENEY OT	6-6, 310	Salinas, CA	Salinas
All-League ♦ All-Salinas Valley ♦ Peninsula Valley All-Star Game ♦ Member of basketball team.			
Robert TOLBERT WR	6-2, 185	Memphis, TN	Whitehaven
SuperPrep ranked No. 50 player in Dixie ♦ Memphis Touchdown Club Player-of-the-Year ♦ All-State ♦ Two-time All-District ♦ As a senior, caught 53 passes for 778 yards and 15 touchdowns ♦ Set national record by scoring seven touchdowns in one game ♦ Member of basketball team.			
Titito VEASEY DB	5-11, 190	Rock Island, IL	Hargrave Military
Attended junior college after high school graduation, but did not play football ♦ Five years eligibility remaining in which to play four seasons at Purdue ♦ Prep All-State in 1993 ♦ Member of state championship relay team ♦ Runs 10.4 in 100-meter dash.			
Derrick WINSTON DB	6-0, 170	Long Beach, CA	Cerritos College
All-Conference in 1994 with 60 tackles ♦ Intercepted four passes, returning for 136 yards and two touchdowns ♦ Did not play football in high school and walked on in junior college ♦ Was member of baseball and basketball teams.			

'94 RESULTS

(4-5-2, 2-4-2)

51	Toledo	17
49	Ball State	21
21	Notre Dame	39
22	Illinois	16
49	Minnesota	37
27	Wisconsin	27
14	Ohio State	48
21	Iowa	21
23	Michigan	45
30	Michigan State	42
29	Indiana	33

'94 STATS

PASSING						
NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
Trefzger	131	74	1137	56.5	3	6
Dicken	82	44	593	53.7	3	3
Goehl	22	11	132	50.0	0	1
RUSHING						
NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD	
Alstott	202	1188	5.9	54	14	
Rogers	146	764	5.2	48	10	
Watson	59	272	4.6	18	3	
RECEIVING						
NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD	
Thornton	45	726	16.1	80	2	
Alstott	23	298	13.0	31	0	
Allen	16	294	18.4	90	2	
DEFENSIVE LEADERS						
TACKLES: Hall 109; Hagins 73; Okefor 65; Johnson 63; Conley 57; Batten 57; Brush 53; Jackson 50; Krick 45.						
INTERCEPTIONS: Johnson 1; Metzger 1; Hagins 1; Hall 1; Conley 1; Jackson 1.						
QB SACKS: Howard 4; Washel 3; Krick 2; Maciag 2.						
TACKLES FOR LOSS: Washel 7; Hall 6; Krick 6; Metzger 5; Conley 3; Hagins 2; Okefor 2; Maciag 2; Brown 2.						

'95 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	at West Virginia
Sept. 9	NOTRE DAME
Sept. 23	MICHIGAN STATE
Sept. 30	BALL STATE
Oct. 7	at Minnesota
Oct. 14	PENN STATE
Oct. 21	at Ohio State
Nov. 4	WISCONSIN
Nov. 11	at Michigan
Nov. 18	NORTHWESTERN
Nov. 24	at Indiana

who led the team with 109 tackles last season, is a three-year starter. And Chike Okeafor, although he missed valuable time at the other outside 'backer spot with a foot injury in the spring, showed last season as a true freshman that he could become a future Big Ten standout.

But Hagins, switched back to outside linebacker from the secondary, struggled in the spring and middle linebacker Bart Conley, the team's leading tackler over the past three seasons with 249, left the team.

Conley, who had offseason shoulder surgery, wanted to redshirt his senior year to give his shoulder extra time to heal. When Colletto couldn't guarantee a red-shirt year, Conley decided to transfer, probably to Cincinnati.

Moving up to replace Conley will be senior reserves Bob O'Connor and Jim Maciag, who started two games in place of the injured Conley last season.

"I wish Bart would have seen that it was in his best interest to stay at Purdue," Morris said. "He played an awful lot of football around here, so it's hard to say that we won't miss him."

"But we've got guys like O'Connor and Maciag who will get more turns in practice, and guys like Dirk Handlin and Chris Koeppen coming up. So I think we've got some guys who will fill in and make that loss not a great loss."

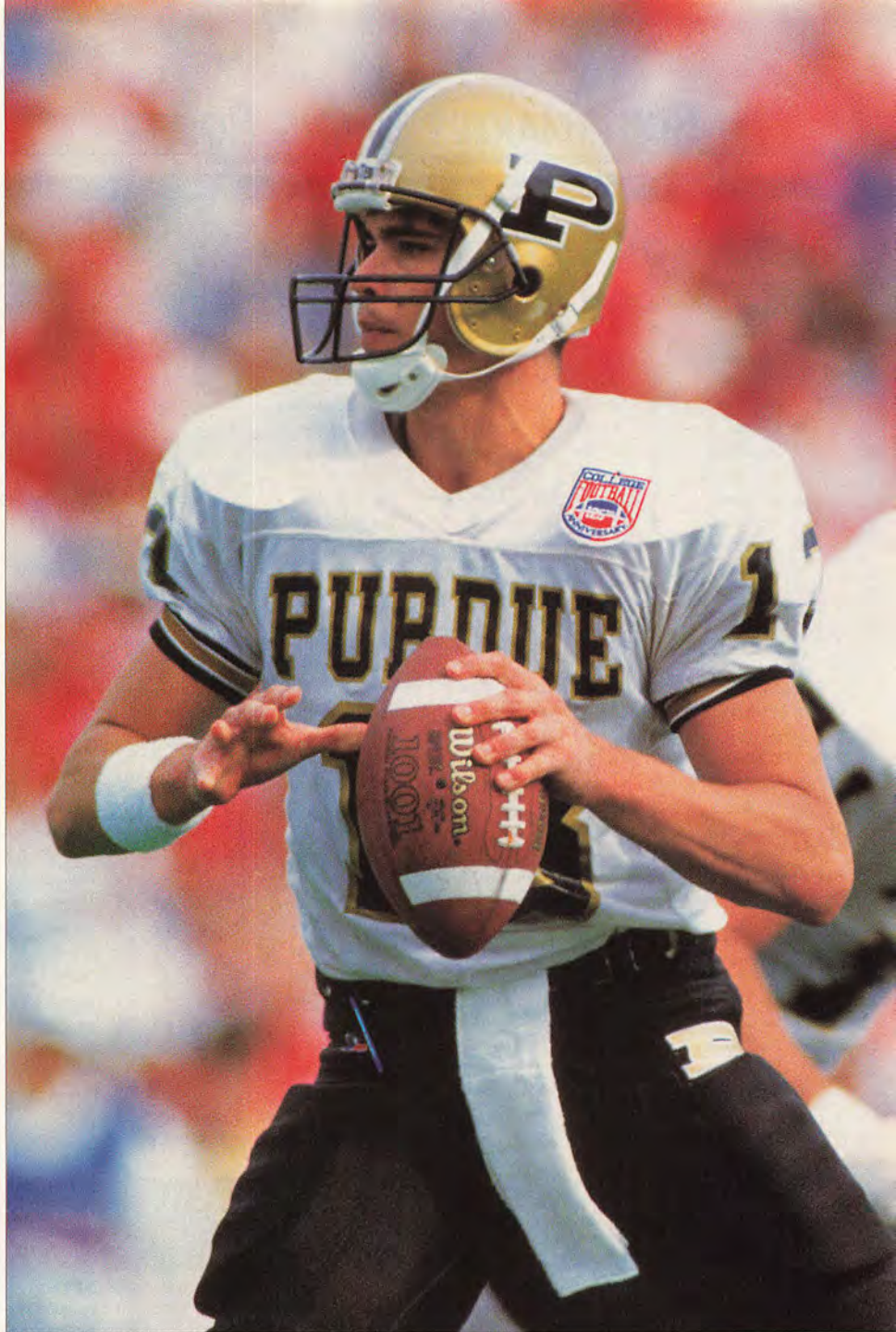
There are concerns about Hagins both on and off the field. Off the field, he's facing an uphill battle to remain academically eligible. On the field, he's the big-play specialist who has shown so much potential during his first two seasons.

An all-around athlete who has played outside linebacker and safety, as well as running back in Purdue's short-yardage T-formation, Hagins had trouble in the spring adjusting to new linebacker coach Ty Smith's increased expectations of him.

"When I first started out as a freshman, I was going to be an outside linebacker," said the 6-foot, 204-pound Hagins. "But with the problems last year in the secondary, I was moved to safety, because at the time it was the best for the team."

"I sometimes wonder what would have happened if I had played the whole season at outside linebacker. Or been able to go through spring and fall camp in the secondary, and had more time to get to know the position, instead of learning on the run."

But while there's no more safety, and no more offense, for Hagins, he still struggled at outside linebacker in the spring, playing behind Hall.



RICK TREFZGER HAS MADE A REMARKABLE RECOVERY AFTER INJURING HIS LEFT KNEE.

PHOTO BY DAVID STLUKA

Smith, former defensive coordinator at Louisville, was one of two new defensive coaches added to the staff during the offseason. Defensive ends coach Mike Conway, former defensive coordinator at Washington and Jefferson, was the other.

Smith thinks Hagins, who during his first two years with the Boilermakers was one of the fiercest hitters on the team, has a long way to go to reach his potential.

"Obviously, he's an extremely talented player, as talented at the linebacker posi-

tion as anybody in the Big Ten," Smith said. "He's got all the tools — quickness, speed, anticipation, vision. He's a guy who can make big plays."

"But he lacks a little bit in bulk and size. And he's not nearly as strong as he needs to be. He hasn't totally taken advantage of the weight room. Right now he is not on the same level with the rest of the linebackers with his intensity and consistency of effort, and mental and physical toughness."

BOILERMAKERS SPRING ROSTER

No.	NAME	Pos.	CLASS	Ht.	Wt.	HOMETOWN	No.	NAME	Pos.	CLASS	Ht.	Wt.	HOMETOWN
80	Brian Alford	FL	Jr.	6-1	183	Oak Park, MI	62	Dino Koklis	LS	Sr.	6-1	236	Cape Coral, FL
1	Craig Allen	SE	Sr.	6-1	175	Cerritos, CA	48	Chris Koeppen	SLB	Sr.	5-9	223	Chicago Ridge, IL
40	Mike Alstott	FB	Sr.	6-1	235	Joliet, IL	53	Jon Krick	DT	Sr.	6-2	287	Mount Morris, IL
61	Mark Bigonger	OT	Jr.	6-5	295	Yorba Linda, CA	64	Damon Lewis	OG	Jr.	6-2	340	Richmond
84	Jon Blackman	TE	Jr.	6-6	254	Yorkville, IL	28	Brian Lohman	FS	Sr.	6-1	205	Kokomo
90	Quentin Blakley	DE	So.	6-5	237	College Park, GA	45	Jim Maciag	MLB	Sr.	6-1	225	Mundelein, IL
6	Brad Bobich	K	Sr.	6-1	214	Greenfield	76	Dan Maly	OT	Jr.	6-6	260	New Lenox, IL
85	Chad Brown	SE	So.	6-0	165	Lebanon	79	Chad Manning	OT	Jr.	6-5	295	Bakersfield, CA
2	Derrick Brown	CB	So.	5-9	170	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	43	Kendall Matthews	TB	Jr.	6-0	190	St. Charles, MO
10	Lee Brush	FS	So.	5-10	183	Winston-Salem, NC	59	Ben Metzger	DT	Sr.	6-3	262	Lafayette
99	Mike Burchfield	DE	Sr.	6-5	253	Indianapolis	78	Brian Nicley	C	Jr.	6-6	266	Hamilton, OH
23	Willie Burroughs	SS	So.	5-10	190	Punta Gorda, FL	66	Bob O'Connor	SLB	Sr.	6-0	224	Chicago Ridge, IL
26	Billy Chapman	CB	So.	6-0	185	Melrose Park, IL	34	Chike Okefor	SLB	So.	6-5	237	West Lafayette
70	Derrell Coleman	OG	Sr.	6-4	304	Detroit, MI	24	Kirk Olivadotti	FLK	Sr.	5-10	177	Cooper City, FL
14	Jamel Coleman	SS	So.	6-0	189	Indianapolis	22	Bobby Owens	CB	Sr.	5-10	178	Fresno, CA
30	David Collins	FL	So.	5-7	170	Indianapolis	98	Leo Perez	DT	Jr.	6-2	286	Buffalo Grove, IL
27	Arvia Cooper	FB	So.	5-11	223	College Park, GA	60	Ernest Pritchett	DT	Sr.	6-1	299	Chicago, IL
15	Toby Deal	QB	So.	6-0	185	Mishawaka	3	John Reeves	QB	So.	6-3	185	Bradenton, FL
7	Rob Deignan	P	Sr.	6-4	217	Coral Springs, FL	44	Corey Rogers	TB	Sr.	5-10	210	Chicago, IL
38	Joe Di Bella	FB	Sr.	5-11	224	Chicago, IL	96	Shane Ryan	K	So.	5-8	145	The Woodlands, TX
12	Billy Dicken	QB	Jr.	6-1	190	Bloomington, IL	37	Dartanian Sanders	FB	Sr.	5-9	220	Covington, LA
50	Scott Dobbins	WLB	Jr.	6-1	235	Ft. Myers, FL	69	Chris Sedoris	C	Sr.	6-4	277	Louisville, KY
54	Mark Fischer	OG	Jr.	6-4	274	Cincinnati, OH	33	Kevin Sellers	FB	Sr.	5-9	233	Chicago, IL
18	Brian Goehl	QB	Sr.	6-1	215	Orland Park, IL	97	Greg Smith	DT	Jr.	6-3	283	Chicago, IL
21	Romail Gordon	CB	So.	5-11	195	Aurora, CO	93	Charlie Stephens	TE	Sr.	6-4	247	Indianapolis
89	Scott Green	TE	Sr.	6-3	249	Waynesville, IL	57	Mike Szany	OG	Sr.	6-3	281	Crown Point
71	Anthony Gutwein	OL	So.	6-2	274	Francesville	25	Curtis Taylor	TB	So.	6-1	190	Clifton, VA
16	Eric Haddad	FB	So.	6-1	220	Westlake, OH	5	Willie Tillman	FL	So.	6-0	175	Satellite Beach, FL
19	Joe Hagins	WLB	Jr.	6-0	204	Folkston, GA	13	Rick Trefzger	QB	Sr.	6-2	204	Wickliffe, OH
39	Aaron Hall	WLB	Sr.	6-1	235	Wayne, NJ	65	Peter VanderWeele	OT	So.	6-5	275	Fort Wayne
46	Dirk Handlin	SLB	Sr.	6-2	231	Mahomet, IL	51	Jayne Washel	DT	Sr.	6-2	270	Greenwood
68	Alfie Hill	OT	Sr.	6-3	300	Cincinnati, OH	36	Edwin Watson	TB	So.	6-0	210	Pontiac, MI
77	Chris Hill	OT	Jr.	6-6	273	Edison, NJ	58	Craig Williams	DE	Sr.	6-3	232	Glen Ellyn, IL
75	John Hoogendoorn	OT	Jr.	6-5	280	Zeeland, MI	4	Derrick Winston	CB	Jr.	6-0	170	Long Beach, CA
56	Darnell Howard	DE	Jr.	6-2	256	Cincinnati, OH	82	Bill Wlekinski	DE	Sr.	6-5	236	Dyer
81	Brandon Jewell	DE	Jr.	6-2	245	Bowling Green, KY	88	David Woodfork	TE	Sr.	6-6	241	Bloomington, IN
35	Lee Johnson	TB	So.	6-0	195	Palatka, FL	72	Emmett Zitelli	OG	Sr.	6-3	185	McKees Rocks, PA
29	Reggie Johnson	SS	Jr.	5-11	194	Plainfield, NJ	42	Chris Zurba	LB	So.	6-0	215	Streamwood, IL
83	Isaac Jones	SE	So.	6-0	175	Wallingford, PA	Roster and depth chart subject to change.						

OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
13	Rick Trefzger*	Senior
12	Billy Dicken	Junior
NUMBER	FULLBACK	YEAR
40	Mike Alstott*	Senior
33	Kevin Sellers	Senior
NUMBER	TAILBACK	YEAR
36	Edwin Watson	Sophomore
43	Kendall Matthews	Junior
NUMBER	FLANKER	YEAR
80	Brian Alford	Junior
24	Kirk Olivadotti	Senior
NUMBER	SPLIT END	YEAR
1	Craig Allen*	Senior
83	Isaac Jones	Sophomore
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
93	Charlie Stephens*	Senior
84	Jon Blackman	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
68	Alfie Hill	Senior
65	Peter VanderWeele	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
54	Mark Fischer	Junior
64	Damon Lewis*	Junior
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
69	Chris Sedoris*	Senior
78	Brian Nicley	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
72	Emmett Zitelli*	Senior
57	Mike Szany	Senior
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
75	John Hoogendoorn	Junior
77	Chris Hill	Junior

*Returning Starter

DEFENSE

NUMBER	LEFT END	YEAR
56	Darnell Howard	Junior
81	Brandon Jewell	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
53	Jon Krick*	Senior
59	Ben Metzger	Senior
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
51	Jayme Washel*	Senior
97	Greg Smith	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT END	YEAR
58	Craig Williams	Senior
82	Bill Wlekinski	Senior
NUMBER	STRONG LINEBACKER	YEAR
34	Chike Okefor*	Sophomore
48	Chris Koeppen	Senior
NUMBER	MIDDLE LINEBACKER	YEAR
66	Bob O'Connor	Senior
45	Jim Maciag	Senior
NUMBER	WEAK LINEBACKER	YEAR
39	Aaron Hall*	Senior
19	Joe Hagins*	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT CORNERBACK	YEAR
4	Derrick Winston	Junior
22	Bobby Owens	Senior
NUMBER	RIGHT CORNERBACK	YEAR
2	Derrick Brown*	Sophomore
22	Bobby Owens	Senior
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
23	Willie Burroughs	Sophomore
14	Jamel Coleman	Sophomore
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
10	Lee Brush	Sophomore
28	Brian Lohman	Senior

SPRING UPDATE

Although Purdue football legend Leroy Keyes had marginal coaching experience — nothing beyond a Philadelphia youth league — Boilermakers coach Jim Colletto did not hesitate to hire him when the chance arose.

When former offensive coordinator and running backs coach Bobby Turner was hired as an assistant with the Denver Broncos, Colletto hired Keyes, who spent eight years in the NFL with the Philadelphia Eagles and Kansas City Chiefs.

Colletto promoted quarterbacks coach Tim Salem to offensive coordinator and hired Keyes to coach the running backs.

◆ Redshirt freshman Willie Burroughs made perhaps the biggest impression during spring practice. Burroughs, who missed last season with a knee strain, jumped from No. 3 to No. 1 on the depth chart at strong safety. He took advantage of Reggie Johnson, last year's starter as a redshirt freshman, missing spring work recuperating from knee surgery.

◆ Derrick Winston, a junior-college transfer, came out of spring listed No. 1 at one cornerback spot, despite missing a couple of weeks with a knee strain.

◆ The starting secondary entering fall practice consists of a redshirt freshman (Burroughs), a junior-college transfer (Winston), and two sophomores (Derrick Brown, Lee Brush). Plus, three of the five backups are redshirt freshmen.

◆ Starting quick guard Damon Lewis missed a couple of weeks with a toe injury, and he's currently listed No. 2 behind redshirt freshman Mark Fischer.

◆ Senior Brian Goehl was the No. 2 quarterback in the spring, but sophomore Billy Dicken officially is No. 2 even though he may be facing further surgery on his injured shoulder.

◆ With the academic eligibility of senior Corey Rogers in question, the top two tailbacks on the depth chart entering fall are sophomores Edwin Watson and Kendall Matthews.

— Tom Kubat

The offense, with eight returning starters, should be as productive as last season. The focal point once again will be fullback Mike Alstott, but the Boilermakers have three starters back in the line, a healthy Rick Trefzger at quarterback following off-season knee surgery and several promising young tailbacks.

The only real concern up front is depth at tackle. But with Damon Lewis, Emmett Zitelli and Chris Sedoris leading the way for Alstott, opposing defenses figure to have their hands full.

Zitelli and Sedoris switched positions in the spring, with Zitelli moving to guard and Sedoris to center.

"That's really helped," Colletto said. "That was one of the biggest pluses of the spring. Chris is probably one of the quickest centers I've ever been around, and Emmett's a big, strong guard."

Trefzger has made a remarkable recovery after injuring his left knee, the same one that was surgically repaired in high school, against Iowa in the eighth game of the season last year.

Not noted as a great practice player, Trefzger looked as good as ever in the spring. Little-used senior Brian Goehl served as his backup, with sophomore Billy Dicken recovering from shoulder surgery.

Dicken started the last three games a year ago in place of Trefzger, but he dislocated his throwing shoulder in the season finale against Indiana.

Promising freshman John Reeves, who had to miss last season because of Proposition 48, will be available this year, but the Boilermakers obviously can't afford any more injuries at quarterback. A healthy Trefzger is convinced the offense will once again be potent.

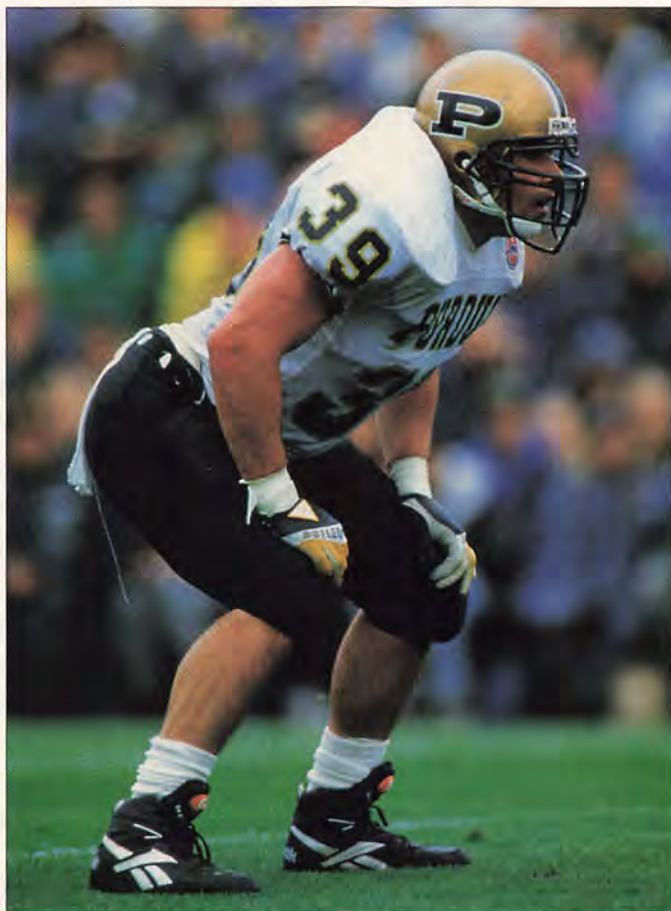
"We should be as good as or better than last year," said Trefzger, who ranks 13th on Purdue's all-time passing list in less than two full seasons as a starter. "I look for our offense to be dominant."

With Craig Allen, the leading returning wide receiver (16 catches, 294 yards), missing most of spring with a pulled hamstring, there is concern there. But sophomore Brian Alford, who missed most of

last season with a shoulder injury, was impressive in the spring.

And even with senior tailback Corey Rogers sitting out spring practice to concentrate on academics and trying to remain eligible for his final season, there is very little concern about the running backs.

Rogers rushed for 764 yards in '94 and is sixth on Purdue's all-time list, but



SENIOR OUTSIDE LINEBACKER AARON HALL, WHO LED THE TEAM WITH 109 TACKLES LAST SEASON, IS A THREE-YEAR STARTER.

PHOTO BY RICK STEWART / ALLSPORT

waiting for their chances are several young tailbacks the Purdue coaching staff says can be among the best groups in the league, including sophomores Edwin Watson, Kendall Matthews and Curtis Taylor, and redshirt freshman Lee Johnson.

Watson rushed for 272 yards (4.6 average) last year as a true freshman, Matthews for 121 (5.3) as a redshirt freshman and Taylor was the team's leading kickoff returner (20.8 average) as a true freshman.

Those youngsters are being coached this year by Leroy Keyes, the former Purdue flanker and defensive back who was voted the Boilermakers' all-time greatest football player.

The running game no longer is among the worst in the nation, but now the defense has to raise its level of play. Not even a record-setting season by Alstott will produce that first winning season since 1984 if the defense doesn't improve dramatically.

"The tackling and not getting beat deep in the passing game is where the big, big improvement has got to come," said Colletto, who is 13-29-2 in four seasons at Purdue. "That's the whole key to improving this football team, cutting down the amount of points scored against us."

But all that won't be easy against a difficult schedule. Purdue opens the season at West Virginia and then plays Notre Dame. Later it must face a killer four-game Big Ten stretch versus Penn State, Ohio State, Wisconsin and Michigan.

"We're definitely a competitive, representative Big Ten football team again. It's been a long time since that's been the case. The next step is to get into the upper echelon of this league and, obviously, get to play in bowl games."

Tough schedule or not, Alstott is thinking about his final season being a winning one and ending it by playing in a bowl game.

"A lot of people talk about our defense, about how weak it was, but this was the best spring for our defense," he said. "It was so aggressive, and our defensive backs have turned it around 100 percent. They looked really good. And I

don't think our offense has missed a beat.

"The 85 or 90 guys on this team believe. After every practice we gather around and yell, 'roses.' And we believe we can win the roses. People might think I'm crazy, but we got a taste of winning last year, and we believe. And it's showing on the field.

"I'd take a bowl game, a ring and some warm weather over any records or individual honors."

It all may sound crazy, but then a lot of so-called recruiting experts predicted that Alstott would never make it as a big-time college running back.

—Tom Kubat

Around The BIG TEN Conference

Conference Hits Stride As It Reaches CENTURY MARK

Happy 100th Birthday, Big Ten. And to celebrate, the league is throwing itself a nine-month birthday party, with a variety of events throughout the 1995-96 school year.

Some of the highlights of the first 99 years of Big Ten football include:

- 11 national championships: Minnesota (1936-40-41-60), Ohio State (1942-54-57-68), Michigan (1948) and Michigan State (1952-65);
- 11 Heisman Trophy winners;
- 267 consensus All-Americans;
- 73 Academic All-Americans;
- 110 players in the College Football Hall of Fame (24 in the Pro Football Hall of Fame as either a player or a coach); and
- Ohio State's Archie Griffin is the only two-time recipient of the Heisman Trophy, winning it in 1974-75.

Other former Heisman Trophy winners from the Big Ten have been Jay Berwanger, Chicago quarterback in 1935 (Chicago was a league member until 1945), Iowa halfback Nile Kinnick in 1939, Michigan halfback Tom Harmon in 1940, Minnesota halfback Bruce Smith in 1941, Ohio State quarterback Les Horvath in 1944, Ohio State halfback Vic Janowicz in 1950, Wisconsin fullback Alan Ameche in 1954, Ohio State halfback Howard Cassady in 1955, and Michigan wide receiver Desmond Howard in 1991.

OTHER REASONS TO CELEBRATE ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

The centennial celebrations couldn't come at a better time as far as Big Ten football is concerned. The league's gridiron fortunes have been on an upswing in recent years.

After years of losing records in non-conference competition, and its annual defeat in the Rose Bowl, the Big Ten is now getting the upper hand in both cases.

Last season's 27-11-1 (.705 percent) non-conference record was the Big Ten's best in 10 years. The 4-1 bowl record last season not only was the best among all conferences, it was the league's best in the 20 years that more than one conference team has been allowed to participate in a bowl game.

Penn State's victory over Oregon also gave the Big Ten three consecutive Rose Bowl victories for the first time since winning six in a row from 1954 to 1959.

IMPRESSIVE ON DRAFT DAY ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

NFL teams went after more Big Ten talent than any other league in the 1995 draft. The league snapped up 37 Big Ten

players — one more than the second-place Pac-10. The SEC had 34 players chosen and the ACC 27.

The Big Ten dominated the first round, with nine players selected.

In the first round, three Penn State players were among the first nine players selected, and Ohio State also had three by the time the 32nd and last player was picked.

Consider this: Penn State and Ohio State each had as many or more first-round picks than any other league except the Pac-10. The Big Ten first-rounders:

Ki-Jana Carter, RB, Penn State	Cincinnati, 1
Kerry Collins, QB, Penn State	Carolina, 5
Joey Galloway, WR, Ohio State	Seattle, 8
Kyle Brady, TE, Penn State	NY Jets, 9
Tyrone Wheatley, RB, Michigan	NY Giants, 17
Ty Law, DB, Michigan	New England, 23
Korey Stringer, OT, Ohio State	Minnesota, 24
Craig Powell, LB, Ohio State	Cleveland, 30
Trezelle Jenkins, OT, Michigan	Kansas City, 31

BIG TEN STARS SNARE TOP HONORS ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Four of last season's major national individual awards went to Big Ten players.

- Penn State's Kerry Collins received both the Maxwell and Davey O'Brien awards, given to the nation's outstanding quarterback. He led the country in passing efficiency, setting a Big Ten record of 166.71.

- Teammate Bobby Engram won the inaugural Biletnikoff Award, which goes to the nation's top receiver. Engram caught 57 passes for 1,081 yards (19.0 average) and seven touchdowns.

- Illinois' Dana Howard received the Butkus Award, given to the top linebacker, following a season in which he was in on 150 tackles.

And, finally, Penn State tailback Ki-Jana Carter was runner-up in the Heisman Trophy voting.

PENN STATE GETS COMFY ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

In just its second season of conference football competition, Penn State (12-0) became the first league team since Ohio State in 1968 to post a perfect record.

It was the Nittany Lions' third 12-0 season under coach Joe Paterno. The unbeaten, untied season was Paterno's fifth, although only the 1986 team was voted national champions in the Associated Press and coaches' polls. Paterno and Penn State also won a national title in 1982 with an 11-1 record.

The Rose Bowl was his 16th career bowl victory, making Paterno the all-time winningest bowl coach and the only coach to win in the traditional four major bowl games — the Rose, Cotton, Orange and Sugar. His 16 bowl victories (16-8-1) surpasses “Bear” Bryant of Alabama.

Of the nine Big Ten players who opted to end their college careers early for a shot at the NFL, five became first-round draft choices (Carter, Stringer, Law, Powell and Jenkins).

Last season, Penn State charged to the Rose Bowl by becoming only the fourth team in the 99-year history of the league to beat Michigan and Ohio State in consecutive games.

This year, Minnesota gets the chance, visiting the Wolverines Oct. 28 and hosting the Buckeyes Nov. 4.

Judging from the 1994 starters returning for the 1995 season, the Big Ten should be fairly balanced between offense and defense.

The 77 starters returning on offense and 74 on defense (counting placekickers on offense and punters on defense) mean that 57 percent of the starters from last year are back in the league.

Purdue has the most starters returning, 18, and Wisconsin the fewest, 11. But of the returning starters, 13 were first-team All-Big Ten performers last season (five on offense, eight on defense) and nine were second-team picks (five on offense, four on defense).

Returning first-team All-Americans are Penn State's Bobby Engram, Illinois linebacker Simeon Rice, Michigan kicker Remy Hamilton and Penn State guard Jeff Hartings.

Nick Saban is the only new head coach in the Big Ten for the 1995 season, replacing George Perles at Michigan State.

Saban moves to East Lansing from the Cleveland Browns, where he was the defensive coordinator since 1991. But he's not a stranger to Michigan State or the Big Ten, serving as the Spartans' defensive coordinator and secondary coach from 1983 to 1987, helping lead MSU to the Big Ten championship and Rose Bowl victory in his final season.

17th season with the Hawkeyes, and 34th overall. The only other coach with more than 10 years service in the Big Ten is Indiana's Bill Mallory, beginning his 12th season with the Hoosiers and 26th overall.

The Big Ten has added the Alamo Bowl and the Sun Bowl (but dropped the Holiday Bowl) to its lineup of bowl opportunities, beginning with the 1995 season. Here's a glance at the postseason lineup for the league:

- Champion: Rose Bowl vs. Pac-10 champion (Jan. 1)
- Runner-up: Florida Citrus vs. SEC runner-up (Jan. 1)
- No. 3 pick: Hall of Fame vs. SEC No. 3 pick (Jan. 1)
- No. 4 pick: Alamo (Dec. 31)
- No. 5 pick: Sun Bowl vs. Pac-10 No. 3 (Dec. 29)

For the second year in a row, the Big Ten set an all-time attendance record in 1994, with a turnstile count of 4,477,784 (66,833 average), again leading the nation. The league also set a record with 31 sellouts.

Moreover, more people watched Big Ten football in '94 on television on both of the league's national outlets, ABC and ESPN. ABC's national rating of 7.2 was 13 percent higher than in '93, and the network's highest rated national game was the Big Ten battle between Penn State and Michigan.

With the 11-team Big Ten not playing a true round-robin schedule, each team skips two league foes each season.

In non-conference play, Big Ten opponents include champions of the Big Eight, Pac-10 and SWC. Notre Dame and Boston College might as well join the league, since each team will play three Big Ten teams.

Here's a glance at conference "misses" and the non-conference games:

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Minnesota GOLDEN GOPHERS

Darkins Comes Back To Lead UM Comeback

Minnesota coach Jim Wacker knew he had found a keeper back in 1991 when he spotted Chris Darkins playing at a small private high school in Houston.

He knew it even more when Darkins, as a Gopher freshman, threw his helmet and a chair in the locker room at halftime to spark his team to action, then caught the winning touchdown and conversion passes in the fourth quarter of Minnesota's first win.

He knew it even more when Darkins rushed for a school-record 1,443 yards last year as a junior, while tying the Gophers' single-season record of 13 touchdowns.

But it wasn't until Darkins turned his back on NFL millions by announcing his return for his senior season that Wacker and Minnesota's fans fully learned the depth and commitment of their 6-1, 215-pound tailback.

Darkins didn't bypass the draft to improve his bargaining position for 1996, and he didn't return to school for some selfish reason like a run at the Heisman Trophy.

Rather, he will be back in wine and gold out of old-fashioned loyalty to his head coach and teammates.

"The main reason I decided to come back was out of a sense of obligation to my fellow players and the rest of the people in our program," said Darkins, who gained 5.2 yards per carry and 131.2 yards per game last season. "I knew that if I left, I would be letting them down, deflating them somewhat, because we all have high hopes of turning things around.

"If I had left school, that would have cost us an integral part of our offense. That could have put everyone in the dark, sort of make them lose hope. I know if I was one of them, entering my last year of playing football, I would want to go out a winner. I wouldn't want somebody being selfish, leaving school and saying, 'I want to make money. Forget about your dreams.'"

Those words nearly floored Wacker, 9-24 entering his fourth season at Min-

nesota, yet still full of the almost-evangelical zeal to retool a program that hasn't finished among the Big Ten's upper division since 1989.

"Chris Darkins is simply one of a kind," Wacker said. "Where else are you going to find a kid like that? He's just one of the best kids and one of the finest football players I've ever coached."

That statement carries considerable weight, for Wacker was a head coach for 12 years before he took over at Texas Christian in 1983, and he coached there nine seasons before coming to Minnesota in 1992.

"I had Kenneth Davis at TCU, and he's played in four of the last five Super Bowls," Wacker said. "I had Ricky Sanders, and he has the Super Bowl record for the most catches and the most yards. Chris Darkins is right in their class.

"He has the most speed of any of them, he has great acceleration and he's still learning. He never played the game until his junior year of high school and he's already the real deal."

Surrounding Darkins with comparable

talent is the challenge Wacker must meet to improve on last season's 3-8 overall finish and 1-7 mark in the Big Ten, Minnesota's first solo last-place finish since 1983.

Improving the Gophers' team speed should help, particularly on defense, where numerous position changes will bring faster players into new spots.

Senior Justin Konzemius (6-2, 225) moves from strong safety to outside linebacker, sophomore Crawford Jordan moves from free safety to strong safety and senior Peter Hiestand moves from outside linebacker to defensive end.

Wacker hopes those changes, and the insertion of faster players like junior Rishon Early into the lineup, will help Minnesota improve a unit that ranked last against the pass and scoring within the conference, and next-to-last in total defense.

"We're finally moving up into the upper-echelon in terms of our ability to run with people," Wacker said. "Konzemius is a legitimate 4.6. That's a lot better than the 5-flats we've been playing with at linebacker.

"Hiestand runs a 4.8, and Troy Duerr is the fastest (defensive) tackle we have. He moves over from tight end, which is what we've had to do to get some faster people on the field.

"In the secondary, we've got six defensive backs who can run 4.6 or better and maybe 4.5s across the board. That hasn't been the case here before, and that's why we've had trouble stopping people."

The graduation of All-Big Ten tackle Ed Hawthorne and his partner on the other side of the defensive line, Doyle Cockrell, makes the Gophers vulnerable in the middle.

"Replacing those two guys is our biggest question mark," Wacker said. "That's a big key for us."

So is keeping Darkins healthy, a fact Wacker underscored by keeping his prize tailback out of contact during the spring.

"The guys love to give me flack about that," Darkins said.

Don't get the idea that Darkins took it

MINNESOTA AT A GLANCE

1994: 3-8 overall, 1-7/11th
THE '90s: 17-38 overall, 0-0 bowls
LAST LEAGUE TITLE: 1960

COACH: Jim Wacker
At UM: 9-24, 3 years
Overall: 153-115-3, 24 years

PLAYERS TO WATCH: PK Mike Chalberg, LB Justin Konzemius, RB Chris Darkins, C Todd Jesewitz, LB Craig Sauer.

OVERVIEW: Foes will surely load up to stop superback Darkins, so sophomore QB Cory Sauter must take advantage of that in Wacker's balanced attack. Improved speed on defense should produce more big plays and turnovers.

easy, for he followed up an outstanding indoor track season in which he qualified for the 55-meter dash at the NCAA Championships by running outdoor track for the Gophers.

That's how Darkins first caught Wacker's eye as a high school recruit, by winning seven state track championships and leading his team to three titles during his career.

"The competition wasn't as tough as it was in the public school division, because Chris came from a private school (Strake Jesuit College Prep)," Wacker said. "But those track times he ran didn't lie.

"Sometimes a 40 time does. I've had a ton of guys who run 4.5 in the 40, but when I get them out there in pads, they're running 4.9s and 5-flats. I don't know what it is about my coaching that makes them slower.

"That's why I love those guys like Chris who run track. If I'm recruiting a wide receiver, a running back or a defensive back and he doesn't run track, I want to know why."

Darkins won the 100-, 200-meter dashes, the long jump and helped win the 400-meter relay as a high school senior, and he's converted that speed to the football field at Minnesota.

"The season I had last year sort of caught me by surprise," said Darkins, who is on his way to finishing second to Darrell Thompson on Minnesota's career rushing list. "At the time I was doing it, I didn't think about it that much, but when I look back, it was pretty satisfying."

Not to the coaches who overlooked Darkins as a recruit.

"Basically, nobody wanted me," Darkins said. "At least none of the really big football schools. Some of them called, but they would always ask who else was recruiting me. When I'd tell them, I guess they thought, 'Well, there must be something wrong with this kid, because no other big schools are in on him.' Most of the time, they never called again."

Wacker was more persistent, particularly after he left TCU and took over at Minnesota. "Chris is the kind of kid we have to find up here," Wacker said. "Face it, we're not going to compete with the Notre Dames and the Michigans and the Ohio States for the top 100 kids in the country. They select. We recruit. We have to go out and find guys who can ultimately be as good as the big-name kids they're getting."

Darkins fills that bill, as evidenced by the versatility he showed in rushing for 234



CHRIS DARKINS RUSHED FOR A SCHOOL-RECORD 1,443 YARDS LAST YEAR AS A JUNIOR, WHILE TYING THE GOPHERS' SINGLE-SEASON RECORD OF 13 TOUCHDOWNS.

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yards against Purdue, then later catching five passes for 110 yards against Michigan.

Minnesota plans to explore those balanced abilities even more this year, involving Darkins more than the 22 passes he caught last season.

That should take some pressure off sophomore Cory Sauter, who emerged from spring practice with the edge on junior college transfer Jason Murdock at quarterback.

Sauter played in five games in 1994, completing 9-of-21 passes for 80 yards.

"I don't want to put too much pressure on myself," said Sauter, who played behind seniors Tim Schade and Scott Eckers, Minnesota's tandem quarterbacks the past two seasons. "There's always going to be pressure on a guy in my position. I just don't want to let it control me."

Murdock started 22 games at Merced (Calif.) College and could gain the same relief role Wacker reserved for Eckers the past two years.

"The lack of experience at quarterback concerns me, but Cory has played a little bit and we have a lot of confidence in

him," Wacker said. "The depth we have there makes me feel good.

"There's no question that however that position goes, so go the Gophers. You have to have a good trigger man."

Pass-oriented offenses like Minnesota's also need capable receivers, and Wacker believes he has a fleet of them in Johnny Woodson, Tony Levine, Ryan Thelwell, Tutu Atwell and Greg Nelson.

Woodson caught 28 passes. Thelwell had 24 receptions, including 10 for 178 yards and two touchdowns in a loss to Northwestern. Atwell's 32-yard touchdown reception was the game-winner in the Gophers' upset at Wisconsin.

"Nelson, Atwell and Johnny Woodson all can run," Wacker said. "They're going to make a difference for us. If we can win the war in the trenches and get our guys into the secondary, we can do some damage."

Three starters return on the offensive line, with vacancies at both guard positions. Third-year sophomore Luke Glime and fifth-year senior Toby Anderson are the likely replacements.

GOPHERS RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Michael BARRETT DB	5-11, 165	Arlington, TX	Sam Houston
Dallas Morning News Top 100 ♦ Two-time All-District ♦ All-City ♦ As a senior, had four interceptions and returned a punt for a touchdown.			
Luke BRAATEN LB	6-4, 215	Litchfield	Litchfield
All-Conference ♦ All-Area ♦ As a senior, had 76 tackles and one interception ♦ Rushed for 701 yards, caught 14 passes and scored four touchdowns ♦ Two-year letterman ♦ Three letters each in basketball and baseball ♦ National Honor Society.			
Quincy BROOKS DB	5-11, 174	Austin, TX	Lyndon B. Johnson
Honorable mention All-District ♦ Two-year starter ♦ Helped team to district championship ♦ All-State in track ♦ Runs 48.2 in 400-meter dash.			
Ansel CARTER DB	6-0, 165	Converse, TX	Judson
San Antonio Defensive Player-of-the-Year ♦ Two-time All-District ♦ As a senior, had 10 interceptions, returning two for scores ♦ Returned two kickoffs for touchdowns ♦ Had 336 career tackles ♦ Helped team to three state playoffs.			
Tyrone CARTER DB	5-9, 165	Pompano Beach, FL	Ely
All-County ♦ As a senior, had 67 tackles and four interceptions ♦ Rushed for 1,349 yards and scored 23 touchdowns ♦ Had three kickoff returns for scores, each over 90 yards ♦ Member of basketball team.			
Mike CERNOCH DE	6-5, 225	Burnsville	Burnsville
SuperPrep rated No. 107 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated All-American, ranked No. 10 defensive lineman in Midwest.. All-State ♦ As a senior, had 56 tackles, five sacks and eight quarterback hurries ♦ Two-time All-Conference ♦ Three-year starter ♦ Member of baseball team ♦ School's all-time leading basketball scorer.			
Billy COCKERHAM QB	6-2, 206	Oakland, CA	Skyline
All-Bay Area ♦ Three-time All-Conference ♦ As a senior, threw for 1,500 yards and 18 touchdowns with only four passes intercepted ♦ Scored nine rushing touchdowns ♦ Lettered in baseball and basketball.			
Thomas HAMMER RB	6-1, 175	Hamilton, OH	Hamilton
All-State ♦ All-Region ♦ As a senior, rushed for 970 yards, had 320 receiving yards and scored 14 touchdowns ♦ All-State in track ♦ Runs 10.8 in 100-meter dash.			
Alex HASSE TE	6-6, 220	St. Peter	St. Peter
All-State ♦ As a senior, had 29 receptions for 420 yards and four touchdowns ♦ All-Conference.			
Pat HAU OT	6-5, 300	Edina	Edina
SuperPrep rated No. 59 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated All-Midwest ♦ All-State ♦ All-Conference ♦ Two-way starter ♦ Three-year letterman ♦ Member of basketball team.			
Kris HOFFARTH OT	6-5, 290	St. Paul	Johnson
All-State ♦ Two-time All-Conference ♦ All-City ♦ Three-year letterman ♦ Member of track and basketball teams.			
Jon MICHAELS DE	6-4, 225	Oak Creek, WI	Oak Creek
Milwaukee Journal rated No. 7 prospect in Wisconsin ♦ All-Region ♦ All-Conference.			
Mari MOORE DB	6-1, 165	Converse, TX	Judson
Two-year starter ♦ Helped team to state playoffs three seasons, including two state championships.			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Jason MURDOCK QB	6-3, 225	Merced, CA	Merced College
All-Conference in 1994, completing 130 of 220 passes for 1,900 yards and 21 touchdowns ♦ Led team to 7-4 record and No. 26 final ranking nationally ♦ Eligible for spring practice ♦ Two seasons of eligibility remaining.			
Nate PEARSON LB	6-2, 205	Hutchinson	Hutchinson
SuperPrep ranked No. 117 player in Midwest ♦ All-State ♦ All-Metro ♦ Two-time All-Conference ♦ As a senior, had 921 yards rushing, 419 yards receiving and scored 15 touchdowns on offense ♦ Had six interceptions, returning two for scores ♦ Member of tennis and basketball teams.			
Josh RAWLINGS DT	6-5, 262	Port Huron, MI	Northern
Detroit Free Press Top 25 list of state players ♦ All-Conference ♦ Three-year letterman ♦ Member of track and basketball teams.			
Fred RODGERS DB	5-10, 165	Hamilton, OH	Hamilton
All-Region ♦ Second team All-State ♦ Had 11 career interceptions ♦ As a senior, had 860 return yards and scored four touchdowns ♦ Chosen for North-South All-Star Game ♦ Member of wrestling and track teams ♦ Runs 10.5 in 100-meter dash.			
Dyron RUSS DT	6-2, 266	Oak Creek, WI	Oak Creek
All-Conference ♦ Honorable mention All-State ♦ Two-way starter ♦ Averaged over five yards per rushing attempt and scored 56 points as a senior ♦ Member of basketball and track teams ♦ Placed third in state discus as a junior.			
Tony VANN WR	6-4, 190	Detroit, MI	Chadsey
SuperPrep rated No. 73 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated All-American, ranked No. 9 receiver in Midwest ♦ All-Metro ♦ All-City ♦ As a senior, had 40 receptions for 640 yards and nine touchdowns ♦ Runs 21.4 in 200-meter dash ♦ Member of track team.			
Theron VON BEHREN DE	6-5, 240	South St. Paul	South St. Paul
All-Conference ♦ All-Metro ♦ Honorable mention All-State ♦ As a senior, had 17 catches for 274 yards and scored five touchdowns as tight end ♦ Three-year letterman ♦ Member of hockey and track teams ♦ Honor roll student.			
Verdis WEBB III RB	5-8, 192	St. Paul	Cretin-Derham Hall
SuperPrep rated No. 77 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated All-Midwest ♦ Two-time All-City ♦ All-Conference ♦ Career totals of over 4,000 yards rushing and 51 touchdowns ♦ Averaged 7.3 yards per carry ♦ Three-year letterman in football and track ♦ All-State track performer.			
Sperguson WYNN III QB	6-4, 205	Bellaire, TX	Episcopal
As a senior, had 917 passing yards, 300 rushing yards and scored eight touchdowns ♦ All-Conference ♦ As a junior, threw for 1,401 yards, rushed for 200 yards and had 10 scores ♦ Three-year letterman in basketball.			
Jimmy WYRICK WR	5-9, 165	DeSoto, TX	DeSoto
Dallas Morning News Top 100 ♦ All-District ♦ Had 45 catches during past two seasons ♦ As a senior, averaged 12 yards per reception and scored three touchdowns ♦ Returned three punts for scores ♦ District champion in 100-meters.			
Jason ZANDER OG	6-5, 260	Sun Prairie	Sun Prairie
All-State ♦ Two-time All-Area ♦ All-Conference ♦ Averaged 18 points and 10 rebounds per game in basketball ♦ All-State track performer.			

Moving the football hasn't been a problem since Wacker's arrival, but scoring has.

Last year, Minnesota finished third in the league in total yards at 426 per-game, but only ninth in scoring at 22.9 points.

"We were 3-8, but we could have been 8-3," Sauter said. "I don't want to make excuses, but we did some really stupid things to hurt ourselves. This year, we need to finish plays instead of making those same mental errors."

Minnesota's minus-six finish in turnover margin would be a good place to start, for fumbles and interceptions played critical roles in three losses by a touchdown or less last season.

"Those are the kinds of things you go through when you're in a rebuilding process," Darkins said. "You have to lose some close ones and some tough ones before you get to a point where you can win those kinds of games."

"Look at Wisconsin. When Barry Alvarez first came in there, they won one game. Then they go 5-6 a couple of times

and the next thing you know, they're Rose Bowl champions.

"It's all part of the process. You hope you can go from 3-8 to 6-5, but if a 9-2 comes along, you don't kick it away." Sauter sees a similar mental battle blocking Minnesota's path to the postseason.

"We haven't had a winning program here in quite awhile," he said. "When that happens, players start to believe they're not that good. It's almost like, when we do well, we're thinking, 'What's wrong with us?' That's where we get ourselves in trouble. Sometimes, we play not to lose, rather than playing to win."

Evidence of that showed up in the aftermath of Minnesota's stunning 17-14 victory at Wisconsin in midseason.

One week later, leading 17-6 at home against Illinois entering the fourth quarter, the Gophers allowed two late touchdowns and then fumbled on the Illini 10-yard line in the last 30 seconds.

"I really do believe we should have been a 7-4 team last year," Wacker said.

"We just didn't do what we had to do when we had to do it. We were very close, but we need to take that next leap. Coming close isn't going to cut it. I want to see winning seasons and bowl games every year."

Darkins likes that kind of talk, for fostering just such an attitude ranks among the reasons for his return.

"If I didn't think our guys were tired of losing like we have been, I wouldn't have come back," he said. "We have good spirit on this team. We're not going to give up. Now that we're getting to the same talent level of the other teams in our conference, we're going to make some improvement."

"I really believe that. I believe we're going to turn it around. A 6-5 season is the worst I'm expecting. And I believe there is a small hole in there that we might be able to squeeze through and go 8-3 or 9-2. That's a possibility for us, and after coming in here 2-9 as a freshman, that's a legacy I would like to leave."

— Bruce Hooley

GOPHERS SPRING ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
92	Ade Adeshina	DT	Fr.	6-2	293	St. Paul	62	Gregg James	C	So.	6-4	275	Clinton Township, MI
99	Tony Aitkin	DE	So.	6-4	228	Apple Valley	75	Todd Jesewitz	C	Sr.	6-5	290	Willow Springs, IL
51	Ogun Akbar	DE	Jr.	6-2	247	Dallas, TX	11	Rob Jones	QB	Jr.	6-2	212	Cincinnati, OH
78	Jon Albrecht	OT	Fr.	6-6	313	Springfield, IL	23	Crawford Jordan	SS	So.	5-11	181	Fort Worth, TX
67	Toby Anderson	OG	Sr.	6-6	309	Chaska	27	Joe Justice	CB	Jr.	5-10	177	Texas City, TX
1	Tutu Atwell	SB	So.	5-9	165	Miami, FL	30	Roy Kaiser	FS	Jr.	6-2	204	St. Paul
96	Andy Austin	LS/TE	Jr.	6-4	209	Madison, WI	29	Scott Koellgen	PK	Sr.	5-10	201	Eagan
13	Adam Bailey	P	So.	5-10	187	Burnsville	80	Paul Kratochvil	TE	Jr.	6-4	246	New Prague
74	Jeff Baldauf	OT	So.	6-6	306	Sun Prairie, WI	49	Ben Langford	LB	Jr.	6-2	220	Duluth, GA
7	Kahlen Barnes	SE	Fr.	6-0	202	Brooklyn Park	48	Jakub Leslie	P	So.	5-10	220	Atherton, CA
91	Raymond Baylor	DT	So.	6-2	280	Houston, TX	85	Tony Levine	SB	Sr.	5-10	198	St. Paul
60	Chris Bergstrom	OG	Jr.	6-3	297	Warroad	97	Erik Lindgren	DT	So.	6-5	255	Minneapolis
25	Terrance Blayne	CB	Jr.	5-11	188	Missouri City, TX	84	Justin Malvick	TE	Jr.	6-2	244	Brookfield, WI
71	Gann Brooks	OT	Jr.	6-6	301	Alvarado, TX	36	Erin McManus	PK	So.	5-9	192	St. Croix Falls, WI
39	Jermel Carr	FS	Jr.	5-10	190	Dolton, IL	38	Sean McMenamy	RB	Jr.	5-10	172	Rosemont
8	Mike Chalberg	PK	Sr.	5-11	170	Audubon, N. Zealand	14	Don Moore	QB	So.	6-4	178	Cold Spring
22	Matt Cleary	FS	Fr.	5-10	185	White Bear Lake	19	Jason Muddock	QB	Jr.	6-3	228	Merced, CA
20	Justin Conzemius	LB	Sr.	6-2	225	Fargo, ND	9	Greg Nelson	FL	So.	6-2	206	Dallas, TX
5	Rafael Cooper	RB	So.	5-11	194	Detroit, MI	82	Matt Reem	TE	Sr.	6-6	276	St. Paul
40	Pat Cotter	CB	So.	5-9	170	Austin	58	Antoine Richard	DE	Fr.	6-4	255	Houston, TX
41	Mark Cross	LB	So.	6-3	238	Milwaukee, WI	81	Duane Ruzynski	SE	So.	6-1	178	Chicago City
44	Chris Darkins	RB	Sr.	6-1	215	Houston, TX	16	Craig Sauer	LB	Sr.	6-2	230	Sartell
59	Jerome Davis	DE	Jr.	6-5	270	Detroit, MI	17	Cory Sauter	QB	So.	6-5	226	Hutchinson
87	Troy Duerr	DT	Fr.	6-4	247	Buffalo	43	Steve Schirber	LB	So.	6-0	233	Bismarck, ND
42	Rishon Early	FS	Jr.	6-1	175	Houston, TX	2	Craig Scruggs	CB	Fr.	5-9	170	Dallas, TX
69	James Elizondo	C	So.	6-4	270	Round Rock, TX	94	Antoine Simpson	DT	So.	6-4	301	Houston, TX
79	Chris Fowlkes	OT	Sr.	6-5	320	Milwaukee, WI	33	Eric Smith	LB	Jr.	6-3	209	Springfield, OH
76	Jim Gail	OT	Fr.	6-6	275	Avon	46	Rufus Smith	LB	Fr.	6-2	214	Miami Springs, FL
70	Mike Giovineti	OT	Sr.	6-6	301	Philadelphia, PA	63	Tim Socha	OG	Fr.	6-6	315	Green Bay, WI
47	Steve Gisselman	PK	So.	5-10	170	Wausau, WI	31	Brett Steger	PK	So.	6-1	154	Chippewa Falls, WI
64	Luke Glime	OG	So.	6-4	295	Bemidji	66	Jim Tallman	LB	Jr.	5-10	202	Mondovi, WI
28	Tim Grate	SS	Fr.	6-0	194	Miami Springs, FL	89	Mark Tangen	TE	Jr.	6-2	246	Oakdale
95	Ralph Green	DT	Sr.	6-1	280	Bladensburg, MD	4	Ryan Thelwell	SE	So.	6-2	186	London, Ontario
26	Jason Hagman	CB	Fr.	6-1	178	Austin	12	Chris Walsh	QB	Jr.	6-2	195	Shoreview
18	Garrison Harmann	P/PK	Sr.	6-2	206	Phoenix, AZ	34	Doug Wasurick	LB	Fr.	6-3	209	Green Bay, WI
6	Derrick Harvey	SB	So.	5-10	184	Akron, OH	55	Dave Watson	LB	So.	6-5	234	Bloomington
24	Rodney Heath	CB	Jr.	5-10	170	Cincinnati, OH	32	Tammy Watson	RB	Jr.	6-1	215	Denver, CO
65	Luke Herkenhoff	OG	So.	6-5	284	Albany	45	Dean White	LB	Fr.	6-2	226	Sugar Land, TX
53	Peter Hiestand	DE	Sr.	6-3	246	Moorehead	15	Don Williams	SS	Jr.	6-2	196	New Orleans, LA
93	Kevin Holmes	DT	Jr.	6-2	287	Detroit, MI	56	Lamanzer Williams	DE	So.	6-4	247	Ypsilanti, MI
88	Ryan Hubbard	SE/P	So.	6-2	205	Jensen Beach, FL	37	Parc Williams	LB	Fr.	6-3	229	Zumbrota
3	Lee Hutton	FL	Fr.	5-11	165	Dickinson, TX	50	Scott Williams	LS	Sr.	6-4	239	Plymouth
35	Vincent Hypolite	LB	Jr.	6-1	225	Texas City, TX	83	Johnny Woodson	FL	Sr.	6-2	180	Houston, TX
21	Jovan Jackson	RB	So.	6-0	187	Newport News, VA							

Roster and depth chart subject to change.

OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
17	Cory Sauter	Sophomore
19	Jason Muddock	Junior
NUMBER	RUNNING BACK	YEAR
44	Chris Darkins*	Senior
21	Jovan Jackson	Sophomore
NUMBER	SLOTBACK	YEAR
85	Tony Levine	Senior
1	Tutu Atwell	Sophomore
NUMBER	FLANKER	YEAR
9	Greg Nelson	Sophomore
83	Johnny Woodson*	Senior
NUMBER	SPLIT END	YEAR
4	Ryan Thelwell	Sophomore
88	Ryan Hubbard	Sophomore
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
89	Mark Tangen*	Junior
80	Paul Kratochvil	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
70	Mike Giovineti*	Senior
74	Jeff Baldauf	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
64	Luke Glime	Sophomore
60	Chris Bergstrom	Junior
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
75	Todd Jesewitz*	Senior
69	James Elizondo	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
67	Toby Anderson	Senior
65	Luke Herkenhoff	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
71	Gann Brooks	Junior
78	Jon Albrecht	Senior

*Returning Starter

— DEFENSE —

NUMBER	LEFT END	YEAR
59	Jerome Davis	Junior
53	Peter Hiestand	Senior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
94	Antoine Simpson	Sophomore
87	Troy Duerr	Freshman
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
93	Kevin Holmes	Junior
91	Raymond Baylor	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT END	YEAR
51	Ogun Akbar	Junior
56	Lamanzer Williams	Sophomore
NUMBER	STRONG LINEBACKER	YEAR
20	Justin Conzemius*	Senior
41	Mark Cross	Sophomore
NUMBER	MIDDLE LINEBACKER	YEAR
49	Ben Langford*	Junior
55	Dave Watson	Sophomore
NUMBER	WEAK LINEBACKER	YEAR
16	Craig Sauer*	Senior
46	Rufus Smith	Freshman
NUMBER	LEFT CORNERBACK	YEAR
25	Terrance Blayne	Junior
2	Craig Scruggs	Freshman
NUMBER	RIGHT CORNERBACK	YEAR
24	Rodney Heath*	Junior
27	Joe Justice	Junior
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
23	Crawford Jordan*	Sophomore
15	Don Williams	Junior
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
42	Rishon Early	Junior
39	Jermel Carr	Junior

SPRING UPDATE

Chris Walsh's transfer from Miami to Minnesota looked like it came at the perfect time, but it now appears the junior quarterback won't be the savior Minnesota fans hoped for when he came back to his home state last year.

Walsh, the Gatorade national Player of the Year in 1991, stayed two years at Miami and then seemed certain to become the Gophers' starter in 1995 when he transferred last year.

Instead, he remains dogged by a hitch in his throwing motion he developed with the Hurricanes.

"He just can't shake that thing," Minnesota coach Jim Wacker said. "It's really too bad."

Walsh, the younger brother of Steve Walsh, passed for 4,389 yards and 45 touchdowns at Cretin-Derham Hall High School in Shoreview, Minnesota.

Widely regarded the No. 1 recruit in the nation, he chose Miami, but in his first year on the scout team, began hesitating at the top of his throw and has yet to overcome the flaw.

He ended spring practice fifth on the depth

chart at quarterback.

If the Gophers find themselves in some close games, kicker Mike Chalberg could prove to be a key to the season. A second-team all-league pick last season, he made 17 of 23 field-goal attempts last year.

Defensive tackle Antoine Simpson, an expected starter, sat out the last three weeks of spring practice with what school officials termed "a minor, non-football surgery." That cost Wacker a chance to place him aside defensive end Antoine Richard.

Senior Tony Levine missed four games last season with various leg injuries and his woes didn't subside in the spring. Levine, one of the Gophers' fastest wide receivers, missed several workouts with a pulled hamstring.

Minnesota does not have an off week and plays four of its first five games at home. The Gophers' only road date before Oct. 21 comes in week two, at Syracuse.

— Bruce Hooley



Northwestern

WILDCATS

Drop The 'Expect' From Victory ... But In A Good Way

With the largest home crowd in nine years watching, Northwestern established a 14-10 lead over defending Big Ten-champion Wisconsin last fall.

And right before their eyes — and most significant, those of coach Gary Barnett and first-year athletic director Rick Taylor — the Wildcats reverted to what might best be described as a junior high team.

In the end it was a 46-14 defeat, dropping the Wildcats to a 1-3-1 record.

A couple of days later, Barnett was summoned to Taylor's office ... and when he came out, he was clutching a contract extension, which some insiders claim is through the 1998 season.

Although he had only seen Barnett coach five football games, Taylor, a former football coach at Boston University, felt he had seen and heard enough.

"If you know it will be a good idea at the end of the season, then why isn't it a good idea now?" Taylor said later. "Nothing dissuades me from believing we'll get this thing done. We're going to be a competitive team in the Big Ten. And by competitive, I mean better than .500, which I consider to be mediocrity.

"I see how these young kids play and realize what kind of team we'll have with two more recruiting classes. There's no better way to extend our faith than by extending Gary's contract."

"I just hope the extension sends a message to Chicagoland that Northwestern is committed to its football program," Barnett said. "I'm flattered and reinforced, but this has nothing to do with wins and losses. It's the progress of the program — increased visibility, a relentless approach to getting the job done, our effort on the field and a degree of class."

Whether or not the contract extension was the spark the team needed, the Cats went out and won their next two games on the road, defeating Minnesota, 37-31, and Indiana, 20-7. However, inconsistency and poor decisions at quarterback combined with a young defense never

allowed the Wildcats to come closer than 18 points in their final four games.

Despite the 3-7-1 record and 2-6 finish (10th place) in the Big Ten, Taylor was ready with another message to the football team and all Northwestern alumni. Speaking at the season-ending banquet, Taylor said it was time to remove the "Expect" from Barnett's three-year slogan of "Expect Victory."

"It is now 'Victory,'" Taylor said. "My message to all Northwestern alumni is to demand victory from this football program."

"I think it's time to start demanding victories from this football team," said senior free safety William Bennett, a three-year starter. "It's time for a change around here. It's all an attitude now because we have the players to compete with everyone else. We're going to surprise a lot of people and if we don't, we only have our attitude to blame."

Bennett is one of the big reasons Barnett believes this will be the best defense he has put on the field during his short tenure at Northwestern. The return of

eight starters and 17 lettermen on the defensive side of the ball makes Barnett believe the 1994 numbers of 417.3 yards per game and 6.1 yards allowed per play are ancient history.

"We have to bring the defensive average down to around 300 if we expect to do anything this year," Bennett said. "And I think we have the experience to do it. We're anxious to get going."

"This is the best shape our defense has been in," Barnett said. "We have depth and speed at nearly all positions. We have younger kids filling backup roles in the secondary, but we hope to take the pressure off them with a stronger pass rush."

Bennett anchors the defense. An honorable mention All-Big Ten selection last year, he moved into the starting role in the third game of his freshman season and now has 31 consecutive starts under his belt. Last year, he led Northwestern with three interceptions and was second on the team with 100 tackles.

"William could be one of the better, if not the best, free safeties in this league," Barnett says. "He runs the defense, but we've asked him to make too many tackles (sixth on the Cats' career list with 316), which has caused him to get banged up. We just hope he doesn't have to make as many tackles as in the past."

Bennett claims the Cats' new two-deep coverage will help bring his tackling numbers down.

"I hope I don't have to make as many tackles because I'm tired of walking around like an old man after a game," he said. "I want to be able to go out and enjoy myself later that night. We're going to let the front seven do most of the tackling this year."

Bennett is joined in the secondary by cornerbacks Rodney Ray and Chris Martin, both three-year veterans, and junior Eric Collier at strong safety. Ray, a converted running back, was second in the Big Ten with 13 passes broken up last season, but he failed to come up with an interception.

NORTHWESTERN AT A GLANCE

1994: 3-7-1 overall, 2-6/10th
THE '90s: 13-41-1 overall, 0-0 bowls
LAST LEAGUE TITLE: 1936

COACH: Gary Barnett
At NU: 8-24-1, 3 years
Overall: 16-35-2, 5 years

PLAYERS TO WATCH: RB Darnell Autry, FS William Bennett, P Paul Burton, LB Danny Sutter, K Sam Valenzisi.

OVERVIEW: After opening with Notre Dame, home games against Miami (Ohio) and Air Force could get the Wildcats, and their eight returning starters on defense, off and running. They've got a long way to run, however, to their first winning season since 1971.

Collier shared starting duties until he cut a tendon in his hand and missed the final four games.

"This will be the first time Rodney Ray has gone through a spring practice with us, so this will be a big benefit to him," Barnett said. "He has to be more disciplined and turn some of those PBUs into interceptions, but discipline is one of the toughest things for a player to learn when he likes to free-lance so much."

Northwestern's defensive line took a jolt in the first scrimmage of the spring when sophomore Bobby Russ suffered a knee injury and is out for the season. He underwent surgery to repair torn posterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments.

"That's the second year in a row we've lost a starter from the defensive line for the entire year and it leaves us with a huge hole to fill," Barnett said. "Fortunately, we have depth, but Bobby was really coming on strong."

Junior Matt Rice, a two-year starter, will probably get the nod at one of the interior positions. Three-year letterman Larry Curry and two-year veteran Joe Reiff, who both shared starting duties at tackle last year, are also back.

Barnett also contends he has a quality crew contending at end and outside linebacker. Juniors Casey Dailey and Ray Robey both could be game-breakers on defense. Robey is the starter the Cats lost to injury (Achilles tendon) just before the first game last year. Fifth-year senior Mike Warren is a three-year veteran, while juniors Keith Lozowski and Luis Oropeza along with sophomore Thor Schmidt are also making big impressions.

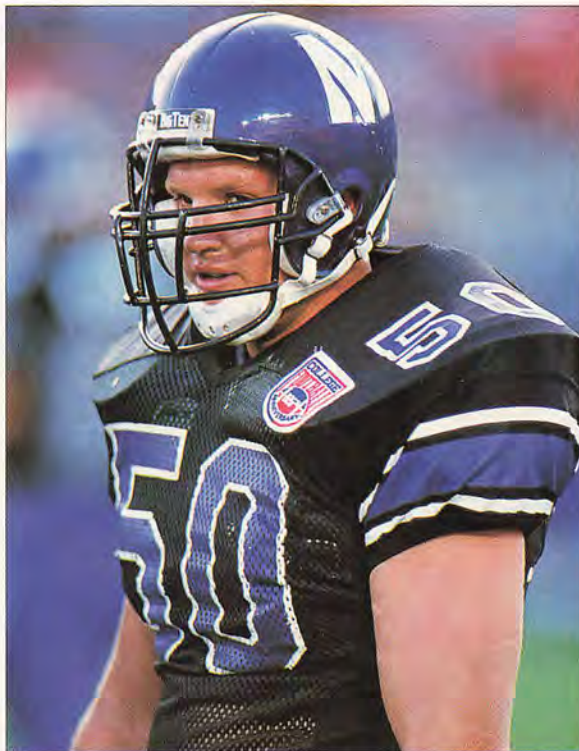
Senior Danny Sutter leads a talented unit at inside linebacker, where the Cats have five veterans battling for three spots. Sutter, a three-year starter, led the Cats with 120 tackles last season. Fifth-year senior Geoff Shein, a three-year veteran, has the edge at drop linebacker. The middle linebacker duties will be shared by junior Pat Fitzpatrick and sophomore Don Holmes.

"Most of the players we recruited in our first year were defensive players," Barnett said. "Now we're playing mostly juniors on defense."

But the greatest defensive weapon of all on this Northwestern team might be senior punter Paul Burton, a first team All-Big Ten selection last year. Burton's

43-yard average was tops in the conference and ranked 13th nationally.

"Paul just might be one of the most versatile punters I've seen," Barnett said. "He can also throw the ball and isn't afraid to



SENIOR DANNY SUTTER LEADS A TALENTED UNIT AT INSIDE LINEBACKER, WHERE THE CATS HAVE FIVE VETERANS BATTLING FOR THREE SPOTS.

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run, which helps keep the defenses honest. Every time he touches the ball we get a 40-yard net. Percentages tell you if an offense has to start inside its 30-yard line, the advantage goes to the defense because there aren't a lot of offenses that can consistently go 70 yards."

"I don't know if you could really call me a weapon," says Burton, whose father and three brothers all played football for Northwestern. "Actually, I'd be quite happy if I only punted three times a game (after averaging nearly five last year)."

Burton, who was primarily a quarterback in high school, never started seriously studying punting until he arrived at Northwestern.

"Now I spend most of my practice working on hang time or operating as the scout team quarterback," he said.

The work as scout team quarterback comes in handy as Burton completed two of two passes for 35 yards from punt formation last year. "I love it when they call the fake," he says.

Offensively, the top priority in the spring and during fall camp in Kenosha, Wis., is identifying the starting quarterback. The last thing Barnett wants to do is ride the roller coaster of emotions with

senior Steve Schnur and junior Tim Hughes once again.

Schnur ranked eighth and Hughes was 10th in the Big Ten in passing efficiency. They combined for only nine touchdown passes with 18 interceptions.

"If one of those quarterbacks had come through last year, we would have won five or six games instead of three," Barnett said.

"We went from week to week not knowing who would start and we had to live with a lot of bad decisions. We're not going to put too much into the offense this spring because I want the guy who can make the plays and make this offense move the best."

The starting quarterback job is wide open and many eyes will be following the progress of sophomore Lloyd Abramson, who has size and a very strong arm, while junior Chris Hamdorf is also making a strong bid. Abramson, a *SuperPrep* and *BlueChip* All-American in Bloomfield, Mich., took a redshirt season last year after injuring his shoulder in pre-season practice.

"This is a great chance for Abramson to start," Barnett says. "If I was sitting in his shoes and saw what I saw last fall, I would be anxious to get out there and prove myself. But he was a scout team quarterback last year, which means he didn't get coached. He hurt his shoulder early and that hurt his chances."

"We have a chance to be very talented offensively, but we'll also be very young (five returning starters on offense, 13 lettermen). I could see us starting five sophomores, four of which are redshirt freshmen. That's scary because they have never played a lick."

The only sophomore who saw action on offense last year was Darnell Autry, who backed up record-setting Dennis Lundy at tailback and proved to be one of the top newcomers to the Big Ten. With Lundy's graduation, the 6-1, 205-pound Autry indicated the ground game is in solid hands. He rushed for 506 yards, matching Lundy's 4.6-yard average, which included a 100-yard effort against Minnesota and 171 yards against Penn State.

WILDCATS RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Levellle BROWN RB/LB	6-0, 208	Naperville	Naperville North
As a senior, rushed for 1,003 yards, averaging nine yards per carry ♦ All-State ♦ Two-time All-Conference ♦ School record holder for career tackles ♦ Team captain ♦ Helped team to state title in 1992 and second-place finish in 1994.			
Bo BROWNSTEIN OL/DL	6-6, 260	Englewood, CO	Kent
As a senior, had 135 tackles, including 95 solo ♦ Had 22 sacks during past two seasons ♦ Two-time All-State on offense and defense ♦ Helped team to three league titles and one state championship ♦ Honor roll student.			
Kevin BUCK LB/DE	6-3, 205	Miami, FL	Killian
As a senior, had 135 tackles, including 95 solo ♦ Had 22 sacks during past two seasons ♦ Two-time All-State on offense and defense ♦ Helped team to state playoffs ♦ Second team All-State.			
Aaron BURRELL WR/DB	6-2, 190	Cedar Rapids, IA	Washington
SuperPrep ranked No. 61 player in Midlands Region ♦ USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ Had over 1,300 all-purpose yards as a senior ♦ Intercepted three passes ♦ Member of basketball and track teams.			
Gerald CONOWAY RB/DB	6-1, 175	Detroit, MI	Country Day
SuperPrep ranked No. 35 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated All-Midwest ♦ All-State ♦ Team captain and Most Valuable Player ♦ As a senior, rushed for 902 yards and 15 touchdowns ♦ Had 58 career scores and 3,596 rushing yards, averaging 6.8 yards per carry ♦ Three-year letterman ♦ Helped team to state title game ♦ Point guard on basketball team ♦ Honor roll student.			
Jeff DYRA DL/LB	6-4, 245	Chicago	St. Patrick
SuperPrep ranked No. 85 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated All-American, rated No. 12 defensive lineman in Midwest ♦ All-State ♦ All-Conference ♦ As a senior, had 80 tackles ♦ Team captain ♦ Basketball letterman ♦ National Honor Society.			
Matt FORDENWALT DE/TE	6-3, 227	Seville, OH	Cloverleaf
Had 45 career receptions for 630 yards and three touchdowns ♦ Career totals of 150 tackles, 12 sacks and two interceptions ♦ Honorable mention All-State ♦ Team captain ♦ Member of track team ♦ National Honor Society.			
Ryan FRIEDRICH DL	6-8, 270	Stevens Point, WI	Stevens Point
Milwaukee Journal Top 10 Midwest prospects ♦ Team captain ♦ Three-year letterman in football and basketball ♦ Helped basketball team to 26-0 record and state title.			
Stafford GASTON LB/FB	6-3, 230	Oklahoma City, OK	Northeast
BlueChip Illustrated All-American, rated No. 2 linebacker in Big 8 Region ♦ SuperPrep ranked No. 39 player in Midlands Region ♦ Ranked among Top 250 players nationally by Tom Lemming ♦ As a senior, had 114 tackles and 10 sacks ♦ Three-year letterman ♦ All-State ♦ Team captain ♦ Four-year member of basketball team ♦ National Honor Society.			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Tyrone GOOCH RB	5-11, 175	Bolingbrook	Waubensie Valley
Second team All-State ♦ As a senior, had 64 tackles, four sacks and a safety in only five games ♦ Helped team to three conference championships and one state title ♦ Basketball letterman ♦ Honor roll student.			
Ron GREGO LB/FB	6-3, 220	Wheaton	Warrenville South
Second team All-State ♦ As a senior, had 64 tackles, four sacks and a safety in only five games ♦ Helped team to three conference championships and one state title ♦ Basketball letterman ♦ Honor roll student.			
Brian HEMMERLE OL/DL	6-7, 270	Louisville, KY	Trinity
USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ All-Region ♦ As a senior, had 40 pancake blocks ♦ As a junior, batted down nine passes and recovered three fumbles ♦ Helped team to state title ♦ Honor roll student.			
Josh KOLAR LB	6-4, 220	Wilmette	New Trier
All-Conference ♦ As a senior, was in on 115 tackles, including 58 solo, and had 10 tackles for loss ♦ As a junior, had 60 solo tackles and four sacks.			
Marc LAPADULA LB	6-3, 240	Allentown, PA	Central Catholic
USA Today honorable mention All-American ♦ Two-time All-State and All-Conference ♦ Helped team to 26-game win streak and state title ♦ As a senior, had 122 tackles and three fumble recoveries ♦ Had 30 career sacks ♦ Honor roll student.			
Jason MATIYOW C/NG	6-3, 255	Council Bluffs, IA	Lewis Central
As a senior, had 46 tackles, including 34 solo ♦ Three-year letterman ♦ Team tri-captain and Most Valuable Player ♦ All-District on offense ♦ Played in Shrine Bowl ♦ Four-time track letterman ♦ National Honor Society.			
Scott MUSSO RB/DB	5-11, 195	Hinsdale	Central
Three-year letterman ♦ All-Conference ♦ All-Area ♦ Career totals of 2,548 yards rushing on 366 attempts ♦ Son of former Alabama running back Johnny Musso.			
Brian RUBIN DB/WR/RB	5-9, 175	Detroit, MI	Country Day
All-State ♦ All-Area ♦ Three-year letterman ♦ As a senior, had 28 catches for 646 yards and six touchdowns ♦ Carried 85 times for 683 yards and 12 scores ♦ Had 58-yard punt return for touchdown ♦ Four-year track letterman ♦ Honor roll student.			
Hasani STEELE WR	5-11, 170	Glen Ellyn	Glenbard West
SuperPrep rated No. 45 player in Midwest ♦ BlueChip Illustrated All-American, ranked No. 8 receiver in Midwest ♦ As a senior, caught 22 passes for 472 yards and six touchdowns ♦ Averaged 27.7 yards per reception during prep career.			
Gladston TAYLOR DL	6-5, 230	Missouri City, TX	Willowridge
SuperPrep All-Region ♦ As a senior, had 32 tackles, four sacks and two fumble recoveries ♦ Helped team to state playoffs ♦ National Honor Society.			

"Although I hope we do a good job of distributing the ball, I still expect to get it most of the time," Autry said. "I'm a hard runner and I want my teammates to feed off that because I need them just as much as they need me."

"If there were any questions about what Darnall could do, I think they were answered in that last game against Penn State," Barnett said. "Now we have to find a backup for him."

Primarily on the coaches' watch list are sophomores Adrian Autry and Michael Price, who is being moved over from the secondary. Sophomore Farajii Leary, who missed spring ball while recovering from surgery, is also expected to contend.

The fullback position was wide open heading into the spring and sophomore Matt Hartl was really turning some heads with his aggressive play.

"Early in the spring, I polled the coaches as to the player who was making the biggest impression," Barnett said. "Hartl's name was mentioned more than

any other player. He's a tough kid — a solid blocker and a dependable receiver."

The Wildcats still have the dependable two-headed monster of seniors Darren Drexler and Shane Graham at tight end. Drexler, a two-year letterman, had 13 receptions for 225 yards and Graham, a three-year vet, had nine catches for 74 yards last year.

Graduation claimed four of Northwestern's top five receivers, but Barnett claims he isn't worried.

"We don't have a Lee Gissendaner (Big Ten's MVP in '93), but I really like this group," he says.

Sophomore D'Wayne Bates, a converted quarterback, could emerge as one of the big surprises in the conference.

"He's everything you're looking for in a wide receiver," says Barnett. "When he's on the field with Abramson, there's a definite chemistry."

Senior Dave Beazley is tops among returning wide receivers in catches, and he had only eight for 88 yards.

Along the offensive line, the graduation of second-round draft pick Matt O'Dwyer and Todd Baczek leaves the Cats with two 300-pound holes to fill. However, fifth-year senior Rob Johnson, a three-year starter at center, senior Ryan Padgett, a three-year vet at left guard, and Justin Chabot, a two-year starter at left tackle who missed the entire spring session, provide a solid nucleus.

Fifth-year senior Sam Valenzisi, a second team All-Big Ten pick last year, again will handle the placekicking duties. Valenzisi, who converted all 21 extra points and was 13-for-19 on field goals last season, doesn't stand around and watch his kick-offs. The feisty 5-7, 167-pounder accounted for five tackles last year.

"Four years ago I wouldn't have given a nickel for Sam's chances," says Barnett. "He walked on this team and took advantage of an opportunity."

Which is exactly what Barnett hopes he is able to do with his newfound stability.

— Larry Watts

WILDCATS SPRING ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
9	Lloyd Abramson	QB	So.	6-3	218	Bloomfield, MI	44	Keith Lozowski	DE	Jr.	6-3	244	Polantine
48	Eugene Allen	DB	So.	5-10	193	Indianapolis, IN	28	Doug MacLeod	WR	So.	5-11	195	Wheaton
32	Adrian Autry	RB	So.	5-11	190	Long Grove	16	Chris Martin	CB	Sr.	5-9	185	Tampa, FL
24	Darnell Autry	RB	So.	6-1	205	Tempe, AZ	45	Mike McGrew	FB	Sr.	6-0	211	Chicago Heights
12	D'Wayne Bates	WR	So.	6-3	205	Aiken, SC	42	Tucker Morrison	LB	Jr.	6-2	225	Seattle, WA
86	Dave Beazley	WR	Sr.	5-10	185	Crystal Lake	22	Brian Musso	WR	So.	6-1	191	Hinsdale
39	Jason Benis	P	So.	6-5	197	Columbus, OH	26	Mike Nelson Jr.	FS	Jr.	6-2	190	Plano, TX
20	William Bennett	FS	Sr.	6-0	200	Tempe, AZ	54	Shawn Offenbacher	OL	So.	6-3	270	Chesterfield, MO
80	John Burden	WR	So.	6-4	193	Orlando, FL	93	Luis Dropeza	OLB	Jr.	6-1	226	Red Bluff, CA
81	Jon Burns	TE	So.	6-5	238	Kankakee	75	Ryan Padgett	OG	Sr.	6-3	292	Bellevue, WA
14	Paul Burton	P	Sr.	6-0	190	Framingham, MA	72	Kevin Peterson	OT	Sr.	6-4	276	Lockport
61	Justin Chabot	OT	Jr.	6-6	272	Oxford, OH	31	Marcel Price	CB	So.	6-1	190	Nashville, TN
33	Eric Collier	SS	Jr.	6-2	215	Dixon	77	Chad Pugh	OG	Sr.	6-3	280	Oswego
89	Larry Curry	DT	Sr.	6-4	269	Granite City	15	Rodney Ray	CB	Sr.	5-11	190	Ferguson, MO
36	Casey Dailey	DE	Jr.	6-5	238	La Verne, CA	62	Adam Reed	C	So.	6-3	260	Boulder, CO
76	Tony Dodge	OL	So.	6-6	310	McHenry	94	Joe Reiff	DT	Sr.	6-4	264	Cedar Rapids, IA
83	Darren Drexler	TE	Sr.	6-5	250	Kirkwood, MO	95	Matt Rice	DT	Jr.	6-3	264	Middleton, WI
88	KeJaun DuBose	DT	Jr.	6-3	265	Jennings, MO	96	Ray Robey	DT	Jr.	6-4	265	Rockford
51	Pat Fitzgerald	LB	Jr.	6-4	230	Orland Park	29	Chris Rooney	CB	Sr.	5-8	186	Minneapolis, MN
67	Barry Gardner	LB	So.	5-11	232	Harvey	59	Jason Ross	LB	So.	6-1	227	Dayton, OH
92	Mike Giometti	OLB	Sr.	6-3	237	Lake Forest	98	Bobby Russ	DL	So.	6-4	265	Calumet City
66	Graham Gnos	OG	Sr.	6-3	281	Bloomington, MN	52	Tim Scharf	LB	Jr.	6-2	220	Rockford
13	Brian Gowins	PK	So.	5-9	160	Birmingham, AL	90	Thor Schmidt	OLB	So.	6-3	230	Santa Barbara, CA
84	Shane Graham	TE	Sr.	6-6	260	Thousand Oaks, CA	10	Steve Schnur	QB	Sr.	6-1	190	St. Louis, MO
85	Larry Guess	WR	Jr.	6-3	185	Hinsdale	7	Mike Sinters	WR	Sr.	6-1	180	Dallas, TX
17	Chris Hamdorf	QB	Jr.	6-3	190	Iowa City, IA	47	Geoff Shein	OLB	Sr.	6-2	233	Glencoe
64	Brian Harpring	DL	Sr.	6-3	267	Dunwoody, GA	30	Matt Stewart	SS	Jr.	5-11	190	Omaha, NE
46	Matt Harl	FB	So.	6-3	255	Denver, CO	63	Nathan Strikwerda	C	Jr.	6-3	277	Madison, WI
41	Matt Henkelmann	WR	So.	6-2	177	Linton, ND	97	Joel Stuart	TE	So.	6-6	220	Elyria, OH
53	Don Holmes	LB	So.	5-11	238	South Holland	50	Danny Sutter	LB	Sr.	6-2	226	Peoria
6	Tim Hughes	QB	Jr.	6-2	215	Gridley, CA	25	Jeff Swenson	DB	So.	5-11	180	Spencer, IA
74	Paul Janus	OT	Jr.	6-5	275	Edgerton, WI	73	Mark Tomkiel	OT	So.	6-6	295	Chicago
57	Rob Johnson	C	Sr.	6-2	272	Chicago	27	Sam Valenzisi	PK	Sr.	5-7	167	Westlake, OH
49	Shannon Jones	PK	So.	5-8	194	Grand Rapids, MI	68	Mike Warren	DE	Sr.	6-4	246	Antioch
78	Brian Kardos	OT	Sr.	6-5	287	Springfield	18	Toussaint Waterman	WR	Jr.	6-2	202	Pontiac, MI
79	Bryan LaBelle	OT	So.	6-6	294	Kent, WA	60	Jason Wendland	OT	Sr.	6-4	290	Simi Valley, CA
37	Faraji Leary	RB	So.	6-1	201	Buffalo Grove	21	Fred Wilkerson	CB	So.	6-2	190	Detroit, MI
69	Chris Leeder	OL	So.	6-4	288	Rockford, MI							

Roster and depth chart subject to change.

OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
10	Steve Schnur*	Senior
6	Tim Hughes	Junior
NUMBER	FULLBACK	YEAR
46	Matt Harl	Sophomore
45	Mike McGrew	Senior
NUMBER	RUNNING BACK	YEAR
24	Darnell Autry*	Sophomore
32	Adrian Autry	Sophomore
NUMBER	WIDE RECEIVER	YEAR
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85	Larry Guess	Junior
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
83	Darren Drexler*	Senior
84	Shane Graham	Senior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
78	Brian Kardos	Senior
72	Kevin Peterson	Senior
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
75	Ryan Padgett*	Senior
77	Chad Pugh	Senior
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
57	Rob Johnson*	Senior
62	Adam Reed	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
74	Paul Janus	Junior
66	Graham Gnos	Senior
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
61	Justin Chabot*	Senior
79	Bryan LaBelle	Sophomore

*Returning Starter

DEFENSE

NUMBER	LEFT END	YEAR
95	Matt Rice*	Junior
88	KeJaun DuBose	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
36	Casey Dailey	Junior
96	Ray Robey	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
68	Mike Warren*	Senior
44	Keith Lozowski	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT END	YEAR
89	Larry Curry*	Senior
94	Joe Reiff	Senior
NUMBER	STRONG LINEBACKER	YEAR
51	Pat Fitzgerald	Junior
53	Don Holmes	Sophomore
NUMBER	MIDDLE LINEBACKER	YEAR
50	Danny Sutter*	Senior
52	Tim Scharf	Junior
NUMBER	WEAK LINEBACKER	YEAR
47	Geoff Shein*	Senior
42	Tucker Morrison	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT CORNERBACK	YEAR
15	Rodney Ray*	Senior
31	Marcel Price	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT CORNERBACK	YEAR
16	Chris Martin*	Senior
21	Fred Wilkerson	Sophomore
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
33	Eric Collier	Junior
30	Matt Stewart	Junior
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
20	William Bennett*	Senior
26	Mike Nelson Jr.	Junior

SPRING UPDATE

Northwestern opens its season by visiting Notre Dame for the final time in the four-year series. When former Wildcat director of athletics Doug Single agreed to the contract nearly 15 years ago, many insiders felt it was a great mistake, especially when Northwestern was trying to rebound from the greatest losing streak in Division I history.

In the three losses to the Fighting Irish under head coach Gary Barnett, the Cats played their best game in South Bend two years ago, losing 27-12 after trailing 17-12 at half-time. Notre Dame won the two meetings in Soldier Field, 42-7 in 1992 and 42-15 last year.

Although Barnett's schedule has ranked in the top five nationally strength-wise every year, he refuses to admit publicly that the Notre Dame game is a big mistake.

"This game has given us a lot of great exposure on national TV," he says. "And the

fact we open with Notre Dame each year keeps everyone on the team jacked up all summer. The only thing I would have done differently was demand that our home game be played here at Dyche Stadium instead of Soldier Field."

◆ In 1996, Northwestern will face Ohio University instead of Notre Dame as a non-conference opponent. The Cats also have home and away contracts set up with Duke and Wake Forest.

The Wildcats' Big Ten schedule will also change over the next two seasons as Ohio State and Michigan State fall off their schedule and are replaced by Michigan and Purdue.

◆ How feisty is Sam Valenzisi, the Wildcats' 5-7, 156-pound placekicker? His No. 1 goal for 1995 is to make 11 tackles: one tackle per game.

— Larry Watts

KICKING GAME

Coaches always preach about how important the kicking game is, which suggests the Big Ten is in good shape for 1995.

The top five placekickers from a year ago return, as do two of the top three punters. Both of the No. 1s from '94 are back: Michigan placekicker Remy Hamilton and Northwestern punter Paul Burton.

The other top placekickers, according to last year's rankings, are Penn State's Brett Conway, Minnesota's Mike Chalberg, Michigan State's Chris Gardner and Ohio State's Josh Jackson.

Purdue punter Rob Deignan was one of three who averaged more than 41 yards.

NO.	TEAM	SUMMARY
1.	Northwestern	Leading P Paul Burton and PK Sam Valenzisi return.
2.	Purdue	P Rob Deignan, PK Brad Bobich have steadily improved.
3.	Iowa	P Nick Gallery, PK Brion Hurley both solid.
4.	Penn State	PK Brett Conway solid, P Darrell Kania needs to get better.
5.	Michigan	PK Remy Hamilton outstanding.
6.	Michigan State	Both PK Chris Gardner, P Chris Salani return.
7.	Indiana	PK Bill Manolopoulos slipped after fine freshman year.
8.	Minnesota	PK Mike Chalberg outstanding, especially in the dome.
9.	Ohio State	PK Josh Jackson solid, but P Scott Terna gone.
10.	Wisconsin	Experienced PK in John Hall, but need punter.
11.	Illinois	PK Chris Richardson won't be easy to replace.

DEFENSIVE LINE

The Big Ten is known for its battles in the trenches, and with the outstanding offensive lines returning, the defensive lines could be in for some long afternoons.

But, hold on. Ohio State has four outstanding returnees in ends Mike Vrabel and Matt Finkes, nose-guard Luke Fickell and tackle Matt Bonhaus.

Michigan has two of the best defensive linemen in the league. And, Indiana, Wisconsin and Iowa each have three starters returning.

Maybe not a strong spot overall, the defensive lines figure to put up a fight.

NO.	TEAM	SUMMARY
1.	Ohio State	The best in the country: Finkes, Vrabel, Fickell, Bonhaus.
2.	Michigan	Trent Zenkewicz and Jason Horn are outstanding.
3.	Wisconsin	Jason Maniecki a winner, with Bryan Jurewicz, Tarek Saleh.
4.	Indiana	Nathan Davis a rising star in veteran group.
5.	Iowa	Underrated Chris Webb is joined by two other starters.
6.	Penn State	Outstanding E Todd Atkins must lead inexperienced group.
7.	Purdue	Could surprise, led by tackles Jon Krick, Jayme Washel.
8.	Northwestern	Strong up middle with pair of returning tackles.
9.	Minnesota	Strong on outside with pair of returning ends.
10.	Illinois	Only nose man Paul Marshall is back from great '94 unit.
11.	Michigan State	New coach Saban must rebuild entire line.

LINEBACKERS

This position on defense is similar to the running backs and wide receivers on offense. Some great players are gone, but some outstanding players return.

Gone are Butkus Award winner Dana Howard and teammate John Holecsek at Illinois, Lorenzo Styles at Ohio State, Steve Morrisson at Michigan, Alfonzo Thurman at Indiana, Brian Gelzheiser at Penn State.

But Illinois returns another Butkus Award candidate in rush linebacker Simeon Rice. Kevin Hardy teams with Rice to form the Illini's Dynamic Duo. Plus, nine of the league's top 15 linebackers, in terms of tackles made in '94, also are back.

Perennial linebacker power Penn State loses some steady performers, but new stars could emerge.

NO.	TEAM	SUMMARY
1.	Illinois	The presence of Rice and Kevin Hardy give Illini an edge.
2.	Wisconsin	Eric Unverzagt, Pete Monty an outstanding twosome.
3.	Michigan	Jarrett Irons, Trevor Price take center stage in Big House.
4.	Michigan State	Reggie Garnett, Ike Reese outstanding for Spartans.
5.	Ohio State	Losing Styles and Powell to pros hurts; but talent remains.
6.	Minnesota	Justin Konzemius, Craig Sauer must rally teammates.
7.	Penn State	Linebacker U. must replace three starters, but depth good.
8.	Purdue	Aaron Hall solid, Chike Okefor a future star.
9.	Northwestern	Three starters back, led by outstanding Danny Sutter.
10.	Iowa	Bobby Diaco one of league's best. George Bennett also back.
11.	Indiana	Also replacing three starters and may have to use freshmen.

SECONDARY

Tough position to call, as only three teams (Penn State, Indiana and Northwestern) have more than two starters returning to their secondary. If there's a weak position among Big Ten teams, this could be it, unless some unproven talent steps up.

Of the individual returnees, only Illinois' Antwoine Patton, Michigan State's Demetrice Martin and Penn State's Brian Miller received first- or second-team all-conference mention last season.

It didn't help when Michigan All-American Ty Law skipped his senior season to turn pro.



SIMEON RICE IS HALF OF ILLINOIS' DYNAMIC DUO.

NO.	TEAM	SUMMARY
1.	Penn State	Cornerback Brian Miller leads three returning starters.
2.	Indiana	Also has three starters back, led by Eric Smedley.
3.	Northwestern	Three starters are back, with fine safety William Bennett.
4.	Michigan State	Demetrice Martin is as good as any DB in Big Ten.
5.	Illinois	Ranked this high because of all-league star Antwoine Patton.
6.	Michigan	Chuck Winters, Clarence Thompson must absorb loss of Law.
7.	Ohio State	Shawn Springs could be an All-American in the making.
8.	Iowa	Two returning starters from 1994.
9.	Minnesota	See above.
10.	Purdue	Should be greatly improved, but has a long, long way to go.
11.	Wisconsin	Entire secondary was wiped out by graduation.

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